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REHABILITATION LOAN CLASH Opposition Expressed To Premium Bond Issue

T.W. Kwok
Recalled
To Canton

Mr. T. W. Kwok, Commissioner for Kwangtung and Kwangsi Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been summoned to Canton by Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung, to report on the Kowloon City eviction issue.

Mr. Kwok will be leaving for Canton today.

Yesterday Mr. T. W. Kwok called on His Excellency the Governor (Sir Alexander Grantham).

He refused to disclose the subject of his talks with the Governor.

Sassoon To Shift From S'hai

Shanghai, Dec. 17.
Sir Victor Sassoon, prominent British businessman, intimated in an interview today that he was considering the transfer of some of his large interests here to South China especially Kwangtung Province.

Sir Victor, who arrived yesterday on his first visit in nearly seven years, said that the main stumbling block to China's return to normalcy was her shaky and unstable currency.

With the present unsettled condition business is naturally forced to adopt a cautious attitude.

Hong Kong

Sir Victor spoke highly of Hongkong's postwar development, saying that the Colony's export and import figures since the end of the war tend to show astonishing and far-reaching progress.

He said that business in Kwangtung will definitely benefit from Hongkong's stability.

Asked what he thought was the best remedy for China's currency problem, Sir Victor replied that there could be little solution as long as China's printing presses are working overtime turning out banknotes.

—Reuters.

BAO DAI AND BIDAULT TO MEET IN LONDON

Ex-Emperor Bao Dai of Annam will fly to Britain by a BOAC plane on Saturday for discussions with M. Bidault, French Foreign Minister, who is expected to remain in London for two more weeks, the "China Mail" learned from quarters close to the local French authorities.

Bao Dai will be accompanied by four members of his staff, including M. Henry Thinh, Annamite financial expert, who until recently was on the staff of the local French Consulate.

The former Emperor is travelling to London to meet the French Foreign Minister before the latter returns to Paris, where M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner in Indo-China, is waiting for him to report on, and discuss, the recent conference with Bao Dai in the Gulf of Tonkin.

M. Bollaert, it was learned

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Ordinance Passes Third Reading

A lone voice was raised in Legislative Council yesterday in opposition to the proposed issue of premium bonds under the Hong Kong Rehabilitation Loan Ordinance, 1947, which passed its second and third reading without amendment.

Mr. M. M. Watson said he supported the Bill but was opposed to any form of Government-sponsored or controlled lottery.

"I wish to make it quite clear that I am in favour of the Bill. However I want to refer to a matter which the Financial Secretary introduced in his speech on introducing the Bill for the first time," said Mr. Watson.

"In his speech, Mr. Follows observed that it was too late to take advantage of the favourable market conditions which had existed at the beginning of the year.

"Perhaps, it is for this reason that he has suggested further in his statement — or rather I should not say, suggested — he stated that Government have under consideration the issue of premium bonds.

Opposed

"In an earlier speech I made in this Council on the introduction of the Inland Revenue Bill, I expressed my views on the question of Government running lotteries.

"I apprehend that the premium bonds will, in their nature, be lotteries.

"I think one can say without the slightest fear of contradiction, that it has been the universal practice in England to avoid all kinds of lotteries in which the State would be concerned, so that in many cases Acts have been passed at Home, which have prevented other bodies — not State bodies — from dealing in lotteries.

"I have observed that the present scheme seems to come out of Palestine.

"As far as I am aware, nothing very good has come out of Palestine in modern times, but I gladly except the Attorney General and the Director of Public Works (laugh).

"However, the question is only under discussion and in due course a Bill will be introduced when a final decision is reached.

"I will, therefore, not elaborate further at this stage, but I do hope that when a decision is reached, it will be

PROSPECTUSES

Prospectuses and application forms for the Hong Kong Government 3 1/2% Rehabilitation Loan 1973/1978 will be available to the public on Friday at all exchange banks and the Treasury, Prince's Building, Des Voeux Road Central.

Applications will be accepted by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China from the opening of business on Friday until the close of business on Thursday, January 15th 1948, unless, before this date, the loan is fully subscribed, in which case the lists will be closed immediately.

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The report of the robbery was made a few minutes before 9 a.m. yesterday to the Eastern District Police Station.

Police patrols were immediately sent out, and a "Patrol car under the command of Inspector MacPherson" and "driven by Ho Wing-kwong" detected a suspect near the Grand Theatre, Queen's Road, East.

Later, he plans to visit the United States to study the economic system of that country before returning to Indo-China.

General Nguyen Van Xuan, President of the Provisional Government of Southern China, did not arrive from Saigon yesterday as was previously reported.

Peiping Police Tell Foreigners:

DON'T CARRY U.S. MONEY

Peiping, Dec. 17.

The Police Bureau today warned foreign businessmen that Nanking's new regulations, prohibiting the carrying of United States currency in "public places," would be strictly enforced.

The police sub-station in Peiping's former Legation Quarter, where most foreign business men are concentrated, called a meeting of foreign businessmen and gave them warning.

They also stated that business men not registered with the Bureau of Social Affairs, in accordance with the April company law, must do so within a week or their businesses would be closed.

Meanwhile, in Nanking, the Chinese Government today relaxed foreign trade control to permit the import of "extra-quota" raw materials which are destined for use in the manufacture of exports.

The Government will grant open market rate of foreign exchange to authorized merchants for the purchase of "extra-quota" imports.—United Press.

BRITISH POLICE SERGT. KILLED IN JERUSALEM

Jerusalem, Dec. 17.
After two blank days because of rain, play in the seriously wounded during the night when they were attacked in Jerusalem, bringing the Holy Land's toll of dead in 17 days of Arab-Jewish strife to 260.

Violence, however, appeared to be tapering off.

This morning was the quietest since the United Nations decision to partition Palestine touched off the wave of disorders.

There were reports that a Jewish band had attacked the Arab residential area of Jadi Jose in Jerusalem just before dawn, but the police could not confirm these reports.

Police fired two shots at curfew breakers in Jerusalem's commercial centre, but there was no other word of serious violence.

The precarious position of the Jews in Arab areas resulted, however, in the closing of the Kallia Hotel on the Dead Sea — the Holy Land's swankiest winter resort, which is owned by Jews and staffed by both Arabs and Jews.

Police were unable to place the blame on anyone for the attack on the two British sergeants last night.

One police report said that Jews fired at the men, while another blamed the attack on Arabs in a stolen armoured car.

Palestine government officials were told today that they would receive no leave until end of December, because of the large amount of work involved in the British withdrawal.

After December only officials whose work is not essential to

Marshall Lunches At Palace

London, Dec. 17.
Secretary of State Marshall will lunch with King George and Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace today. He is the only one of the visiting Foreign Ministers to be invited alone to the Palace on a personal basis.

General Marshall will leave at 4 p.m. tomorrow in President Truman's plane "Sacred Cow".

He is scheduled to arrive in Washington at 9 a.m. on Friday.

He will report by radio to the nation on Friday night on the results of the Big Four conference.

Ambassador to Britain Lewis Douglas and State Department Counsellor Charles Bohlen will fly back with General Marshall.

Other top members of the United States delegation will return on Friday on the liner Queen Mary.—United Press.

HK BANKS PUT UNDER RIGID GOVT. CONTROL "Licence" System To Be Imposed

All banks and banking business in the Colony, whether already operating or to be established in future, will henceforth have to be licensed and are to be carried on by companies only. They will be subject to rigid Government control, with power vested in the Governor to cancel licences in case of contravention of the law.

Legislation giving effect to this measure is provided in the Banking Ordinance 1947 which passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

Main reasons for this clamping down on banks, explained by Government, are the inadequate financial backing of certain institutions carrying on a banking business, and speculation and infringement of trade and exchange control regulations indulged in by certain banks.

Explaining the necessity for the measure, the Attorney General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) said:

"At the present time, the legislation of the Colony does not contain provision for the regulation or control of the business of banking. Within

recent times it has been shown that the necessity exists for the provision of some such legislation, because persons or organisations have been doing business in the Colony on occasions or in certain cases without having adequate financial backing.

"Additionally, it has been found that there are organisations doing business of the nature of banking business which is not in fact of value to the Colony, since they are engaged in speculation or in the infringement of trade or exchange control regulations of this Colony or of China.

"The purpose of this Bill is to provide legislation of the type which, as I have said, is considered to be necessary. As summarised, the content of the Bill is as follows:

"It visualises that upon enactment of this Bill, henceforth Banking business in the Colony may be conducted only by a company as defined in the Bill.

"Superimposed upon that requirement, the Bill envisions that a company designed to do banking business shall also obtain a licence from the Governor-in-Council.

"The Bill provides that thereafter, except with the express authority of the Governor-in-Council, no person or business shall continue to employ the term 'bank' or any derivative of the term 'bank' in the title of its business.

"The Bill also provides for power in the Governor to appoint an advisory committee to advise him in matters relating to banking; and special powers

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3 Ships In Distress In Pacific

Adak, Alaska, Dec. 17.

Two U.S. Army ships — a tanker and a freighter — were in distress in northern Pacific waters off the Aleutians last night in the wake of a gale.

But both, carrying a total of 42 men, were still seaworthy and able, radio dispatches to the Coast Guard headquarters said.

A third ship, an unidentified Chinese vessel, was reported to be aground on Yoron Jima, in the Ryukyu Islands, in the Western Pacific with its engine-room flooded.

(Associated Press and United Press)

What is a bargain?

The Oxford English Dictionary Says:

"Agreement on terms of give and take; purchase, especially favourable, one; good things bought cheaply, etc., etc."

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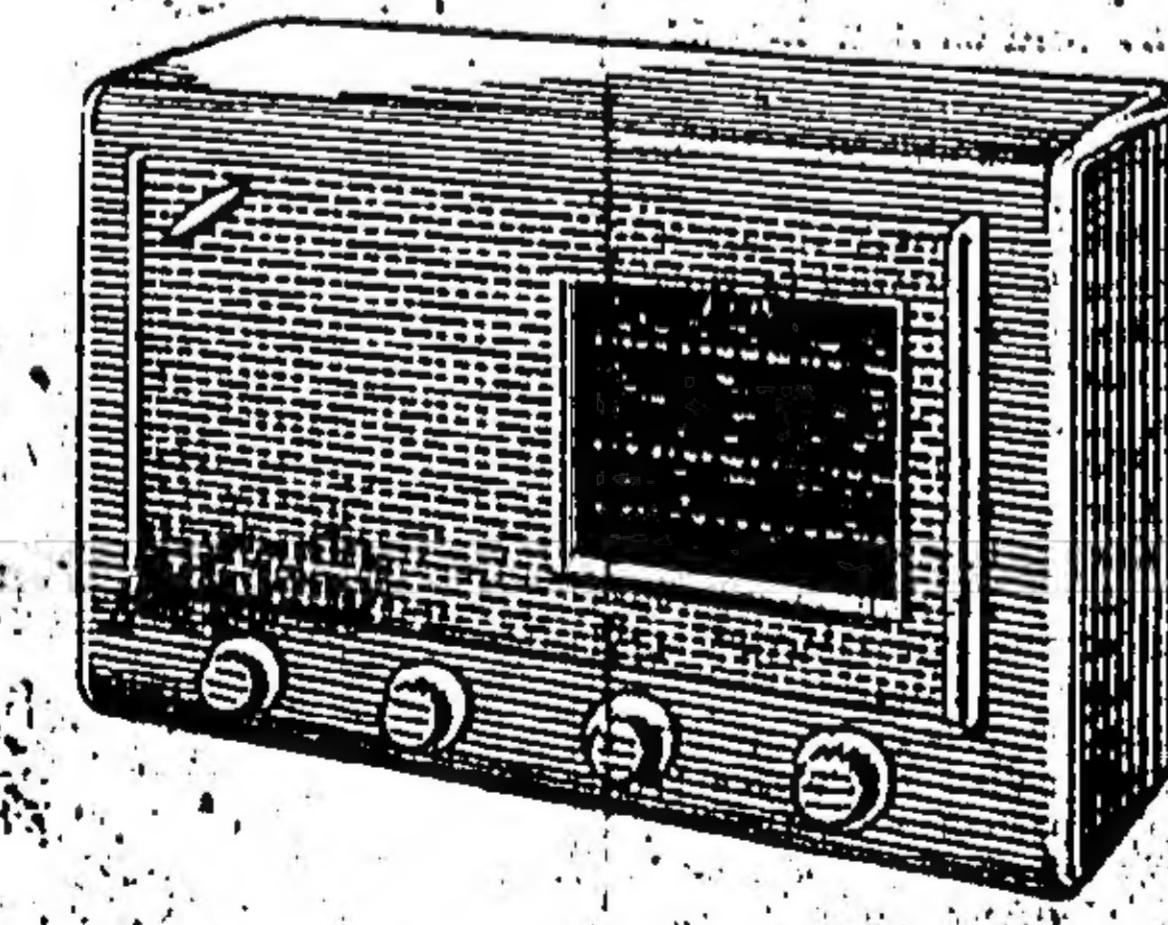
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MOTHER SELLS BABY BOY

Au Yeung-ping (34), married woman, and Wong Hong (65), widow, were discharged with a "severe caution" by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday for taking part in the sale of a 4-year-old boy, Chan Tsai (alias Shek Lam-tsai) at 5 Yunnan Lane, first floor, on Nov. 1.

Inspector H. W. Fraser of the S.C.A. informed the Magistrate that, on Dec. 8, a Lady Inspector (Miss Kit) was making a house-to-house visit to Yau Ma Tei.

At 5 Yunnan Street, first floor, she found two girls, aged 14, who said that they were adopted daughters of first defendant. She also saw a small boy, Chan Tsai.

Questioned, first defendant said that the boy was presented to her on Nov. 1 by a woman, claiming to be his mother, to whom she gave \$250 "lucky money." A document of transfer was drawn up, said Mr. Fraser.

The second defendant, continued Mr. Fraser, said that the boy's mother went to her, begging. Knowing the first defendant, Wong brought the mother and boy to Au to see whether she wanted to adopt him.

The mother of the boy, Mr. Fraser said, had not been seen since. She was believed to have used the \$250 as capital for her hawk's business.

The boy had been very well treated and given the family name. A feast was to be given in the country to celebrate his being taken into the family.

Mr. Fraser went on to point out that the registration of adopted sons was not compulsory, but many people did it. At present about 250 boys have been registered in the S.C.A.

His Department realised that the payment of "lucky money" for adoption was common practice, but the amounts paid were usually small sums, and \$250 was rather out of the ordinary.

It was not, however, believed that defendants were professional traffickers.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd., additional donation \$5,000. Messrs. Eu Tong Sen, Ltd. \$1,000. Messrs. S.J. David & Co., Ltd. \$100. Mr. & Mrs. J.G. Hooper \$70. Mr. & L.D. Pringle \$50. Miss Alice F. Kwok \$50. Equal H.K. Government Contribution \$5,270. Received to date: \$3,444,621.10.

KILLED BY FALL FROM ROOF

While sweeping the roof of 172 Cheung Sha Wan Road at 5.45 p.m. yesterday, Shum Shui-wai, 75, lost his balance and fell into the street below. He died before arrival at the Kowloon Hospital.

Sydney, Dec. 17.—Department of Agriculture experts estimate 20,000,000 bushels of New South Wales wheat have been destroyed by rain.—Associated Press.

Electric Light Rates To Be Reduced

Further reductions in charges to come into effect on Jan. 1st, 1948, were announced at the annual general meeting of the China Light & Power Co. Ltd. yesterday.

Lighting will be reduced from 44 to 40 cents a unit, power from 10 to 16 cents a unit.

Reductions will also be allowed on bulk rate contracts, and the rates for lighting and power now ruling in the New Territories.

The Chairman (Mr. A. Raymond) announced a credit balance for the year of \$2,442,427.

A full statement of the Chairman's report will appear in tomorrow's issue.

Kavieng Massacre Trial:

Jap Rear-Admiral To Be Hanged

Rear-Admiral Tamura Ryukichi, Officer Commanding the Japanese 14 Naval Base Force & 83 Naval Garrison Unit, at Kavieng, New Ireland, will be hanged for what was described as "a war crime par excellence, diabolically planned, efficiently executed and thoroughly and deliberately concealed for almost 18 months after the cessation of hostilities."

The No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court (Kowloon City) passed its verdict yesterday, thus ending a three-weeks' trial of six defendant former Japanese Navy members for the "Kavieng Massacre" of 23 Australian internees, by strangulation and jujitsu and the dumping of their cement-weighted bodies in deep waters off Kavieng, in March, 1944.

Commander Yoshino Shozo was sentenced to 15 years' hard labour; Lt-Commander Mori Kyoyi 20 years' hard labour; Lieutenant-Mochizuki Hachitaro seven years' hard labour; Lieutenant-Suzuki Shozo 12 years' hard labour; and Chief P.O. Horiguchi Yoshiro four years' hard labour.

The Court, consisting of Lt-Col. H.G. Quinn, DSO, ED (President), Lt-Col. J.T. Brock (Australian Army Legal Corps) and Major N. McCleod (Australian Light Horse (Commando)), opened yesterday morning, at 9.30, after being adjourned from last Friday, with the closing addresses of the Prosecution Officer Major A.D. Gilligan, SCAP, GHQ (Tokyo), and Defense Counsel Mr. Isao Konishi.

Major Mackay categorised the first four defendants as

being "accessories before the fact" and the other two "principals to the crime of mass murder or massacre."

Defence

Defence Counsel contended that first defendant Tamura was not criminally responsible and that his action was justified by the necessity of the war situation then at Kavieng.

The other five, he asserted, had no option but to obey their respective superiors' order, although they knew they were doing wrong.

The next trial before the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court, will be that of the former commander of POW Camp at Hainan Island and 16 of his staff.

Major Grant McIntyre, Australian Div., SCAP, GHQ (Tokyo) will prosecute.

The Japanese defence counsels, at present in the Colony, have asked for more time to prepare their case, and the trial is expected to be held on December 29.

WOMAN HURT IN TRICYCLE CRASH

Kong Lan, 27, married woman, residing at the Tung Kwong Boarding House, was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries sustained when the tricycle she was riding on overturned near the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank at 8.30 p.m.

The driver has been detained by the Police and will be charged this morning with driving a tricycle without a licence and driving without due care and caution.

An amendment by the Urban Council on Nov. 26 to the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance 1936, introducing a permit fee for removal of exhausted remains, was approved by Legislative Council yesterday.

All offices of the Harbour Department will be closed on Christmas Day.

Cinema Club For H.K. Suggested

The formation of a Cinema Club was advocated by Lieut-Colonel W. B. Brasier-Creagh at yesterday's meeting on the Tribunal Room of the Supreme Court.

The idea, he said, was based strictly on Club principles and under no circumstances would the body be treated as a commercial enterprise.

He mentioned attempts to secure accommodation to house between 250 and 500 persons to exhibit pictures at the minimum of cost.

It was also intended that the membership of the club be 2,000 or over, he added.

It is intended to start the Club on a 16mm projector. If it proved a success, a 35mm projector would be considered.

At the close of the meeting it was announced that a film will be shown on Monday next at

FINED FOR SWEATED LABOUR

The Tung Kong Weaving Factory, 26-28 Ngai Tsin Long Road, ground floor, was fined \$100 by Mr. W. H. Latimer on Nov. 19 for employing women workers after the regulation hours.

At 9.05 p.m., that day, the premises were again visited by Mr. V. C. Bond, Labour Office, who found seven women working.

Appearing before Mr. W. Blair-Kerr yesterday, Chan Koon-sang, the owner, was fined \$50.

For employing ten women at 9.27 p.m. on Nov. 26, Ngai Woon-chau, mistress of Tat Sing Weaving Factory, 27 Lung Kong Road, first floor, was fined \$250.

Luk Sang of Sam Tot, Weaving Factory, 4-6 Ngai Tsin Long Road, second floor, was fined \$200 for employing seven female workers at 9.40 p.m. on Nov. 19.

Lau Sui-wah, proprietor of the Wellington Rubber Factory, 13 Yen Chow Street, ground and first floors, was fined \$100 by Mr. Blair-Kerr for employing a female worker and two young persons at 10 p.m. on Nov. 19.

A fine of \$25 was imposed on the proprietor of the Tai Sing Weaving Factory for failing to keep clear the fire escape of the factory at K.L. 435, Fuk Wing Street, on Nov. 17.

Mr. Brown said that the proprietor was away from the Colony on three occasions he visited the factory. Defendant only returned about a week ago. The obstructions have been cleared.

Reminders Today

St. Stephen's College Old Boys' Association Annual Meeting, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel 7 p.m.

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St. Thos. More Association annual general meeting, Catho- ilic Club, King's Bldg., Connaught Road, C. 5.30 p.m. Y's Men's Club Luncheon, Jacobean Room, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Xmas Carols Concert by H.K. Singers, YWCA, Duddell St., 5.15 p.m.

Ten & Fashion Show, Helena May Institute, Garden Road, 4 p.m.

Special Xmas Dinner, Dance, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Green Island Cement Co. annual meeting, Exchange Bldg., 11 a.m.

Central British Association Cabaret Dance, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 8.30 p.m.—2 a.m.

DECEMBER 20

"Open Day," Kowloon Junior School, 2.30-4.30 p.m.

Grand Xmas Dance, United Serv. Recreation Club, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

DECEMBER 21

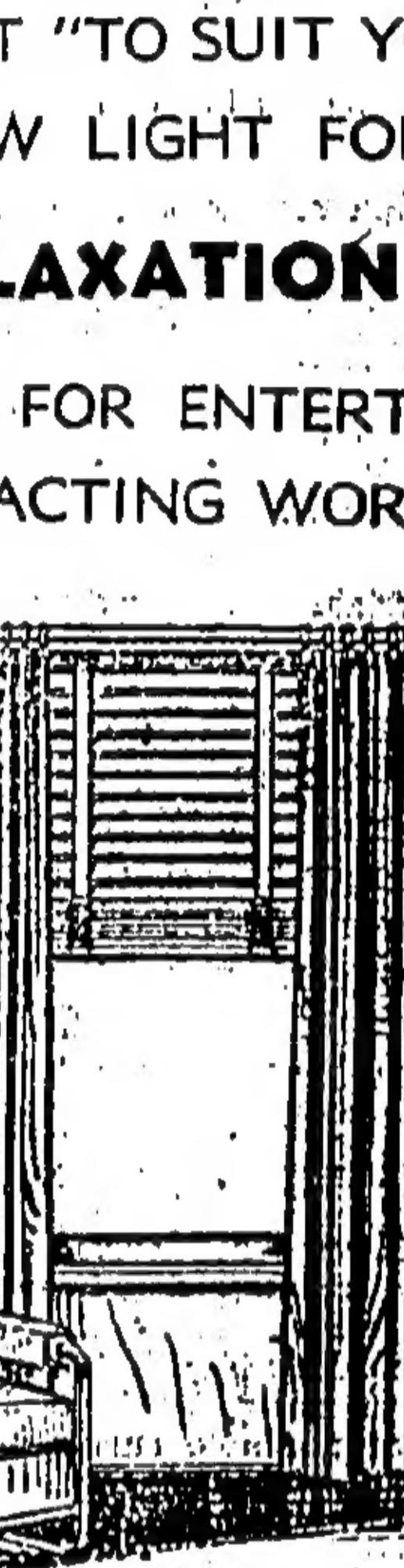
Golden Gloves Boxing—Tourna ment, Victoria Recreation Club, 8.30 p.m.

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POLICE PHONE POSTS IN STREETS SOON

Actg. Commissioner of Police (Mr. W. La B. Sparrow) told a weekly press conference yesterday that a scheme is now under consideration for the introduction of street police telephone posts in the Colony.

Mr. Sparrow said that, when the equipment for these posts is available, they will be set up at road junctions and other spots most convenient for public use.

On the subject of robberies, Mr. Sparrow said that last month they totalled 22, including attempts and highway rob-

INFORMATION WANTED

Will any person who witnessed the traffic accident on Saturday, Dec. 13th at about 10 a.m. at the junction of Salisbury Road and Canton Road, when a passenger on the lorry fell onto the road, please go to the nearest Police Station or Traffic Office, Hong Kong, or Kowloon, and report?

She Tried To Bargain In The Dock

"You cannot bargain here. You are not out shopping," Mr. Conklin told 10-year-old Wong Kai, who, when she was told that she was to be fined \$50 for being in a prohibited area without a permit, smiled broadly at the Magistrate and said that she would pay \$25 as she could not afford to pay \$50.

Together with Wong was Chan King, on the same charge; she was bound over to be of good behaviour for twelve months in a bond of \$25.

Mr. Conklin inquired into Wong's past record and found that she had three previous convictions for loitering and causing obstruction.

Instead of the fine, he ordered her to be recommended for banishment to Mui Yuen.

Defendants were found by L/Cpl. Porter inside the gate Victoria Barracks, talking to the two sentries on duty.

Insp. H. Brownrigg stressed that the Military Police were having great difficulty keeping this type of woman out of the barracks.

Protected Places' Ordinance

The Protected Places (Safety) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1947, to amend the principal ordinance of 1946, was passed by Legislative Council at its first reading yesterday.

Introducing the Bill, the Attorney-General (Mr. J. B. Griffin), said the principal ordinance, enacted last year, was designed to meet a social set of circumstances presented by the fact that certain places within the Colony which held valuable stores, mainly for the Navy, Army and Air Force, were being subjected to considerable looting.

The ordinance was passed in order to give authorised guards under certain safeguards the right to use firearms in the protection of such premises.

Clause 2 of the principal ordinance had by cross-reference declared the protected places for the purpose of the ordinance to be those "protected places as declared under Regulation 32 of the wartime Defence Regulations."

This regulation would expire on Dec. 31 this year, and the

Renewal Of Death Registers

The Bill to authorise the Registrar General of Births and Deaths to issue special lists for the purpose of recording deaths previously noted in specified registers has during the discussion passed its reading in Legislatively.

The Attorney-General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) said it was similar to the Births Registration (Special Registers) Ordinance 1947, except that in this case it was simpler.

The last death registers were covered by two Ordinances, only those of 1896 and 1934, instead of three.

The Colonial Secretary (Mr. D. M. MacDougall) seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

New Police Pensions Bill

The Police Force (Retirement of Certain Officers) Ordinance, 1947, to provide for the payment of pensions or gratuities to officers of the Police Force who have elected to retire in circumstances which would not otherwise entitle them to pension or gratuity, passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

Explaining the Bill, the Attorney-General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) said that in 1941, the reorganisation of the Police Force, affecting a reduction in the European establishment of non-commissioned officers of the Police, was under consideration.

The constable said that when he took a notebook from the bag, defendant told him that if he could not read English, he should not waste her time.

She also said: "You search me, you search me!"

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UNDER AGE

A fine of \$250 was imposed on Leung Chou Kee when he appeared before Mr. J. G. Connell, at Central Magistracy yesterday, on charges of employing a 12-year-old boy to work on the premises and employing a boy under 16 years to work for seven days a week and failing to give him one day's weekly rest.

NO DUTY STAMP

For failing to fix a duty stamp on a receipt, Tse Fung-kan was fined \$20 on each of two counts when he appeared before Mr. J. G. Connell at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Appearing before the same Magistrate were Lau Ping and Kwok Fung Fao, who were each fined \$25 for failing to fix a stamp on a receipt.

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WIDOW DIDN'T MINCE WORDS WITH POLICE

"The Police have power to search at any hour of the day," Inspector Moran at Central Magistracy yesterday told a 54-year-old widow, Mary Cheung of No. 142, Tam Kung Road.

The widow was charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almada with insulting language to the police.

She said that she told the constables she worked for the Army and warned them to be careful of her things, as there might be bad characters around who might see them when her bag was searched.

"I've no doubt of your good character, and there's no question of your honesty," the Magistrate told her, adding that it was only a misunderstanding on the part of the constable.

An officer from the Royal Artillery vouched for defendant's character.

Witness said he had known her for a year and she was "respectful and very honest."

Constable's Story

Police constable 2519 said that he saw Cheung coming up from the Fraya and walking on the west side of the Supreme Court towards Des Voeux Road, Central at 11.50 a.m. on Tues-

day. Noticing something bulging from under her overcoat, he stopped to search her.

Defendant opened her handbag, which was tucked inside the overcoat, causing the bulge.

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YOUNG ESCAPEES

Eleven juveniles, who escaped from legal custody at the Stanley Reformatory in September, were brought before Mr. W. N. Thomas, Tern Central Magistracy yesterday.

Seven were ordered to be expelled and two recommended for banishment.

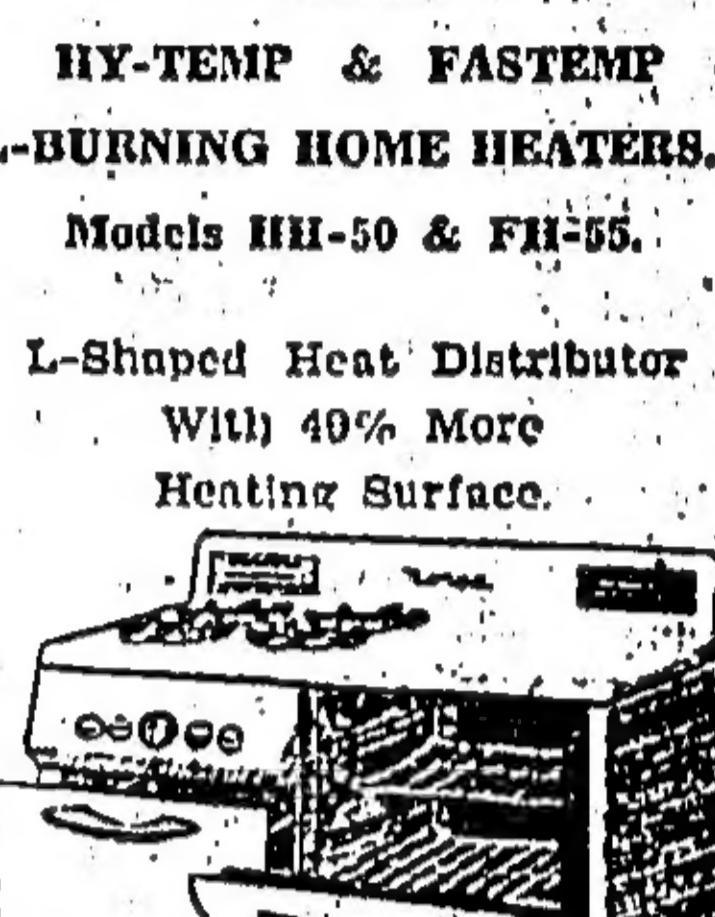
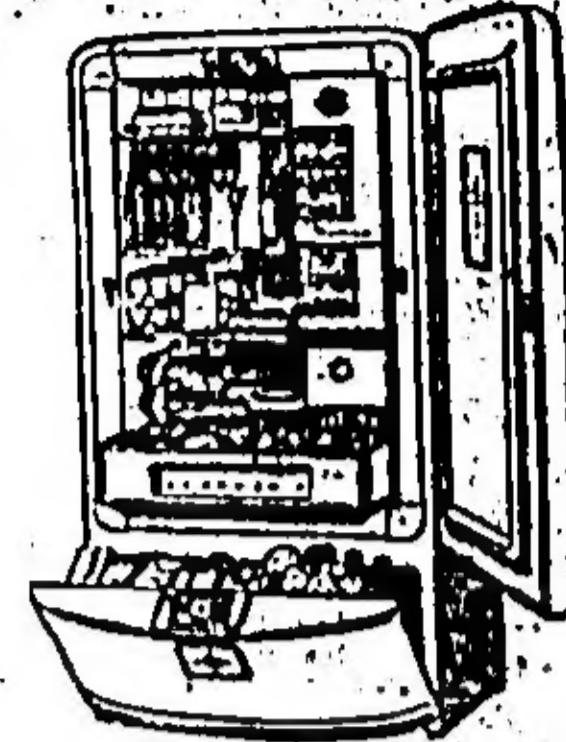
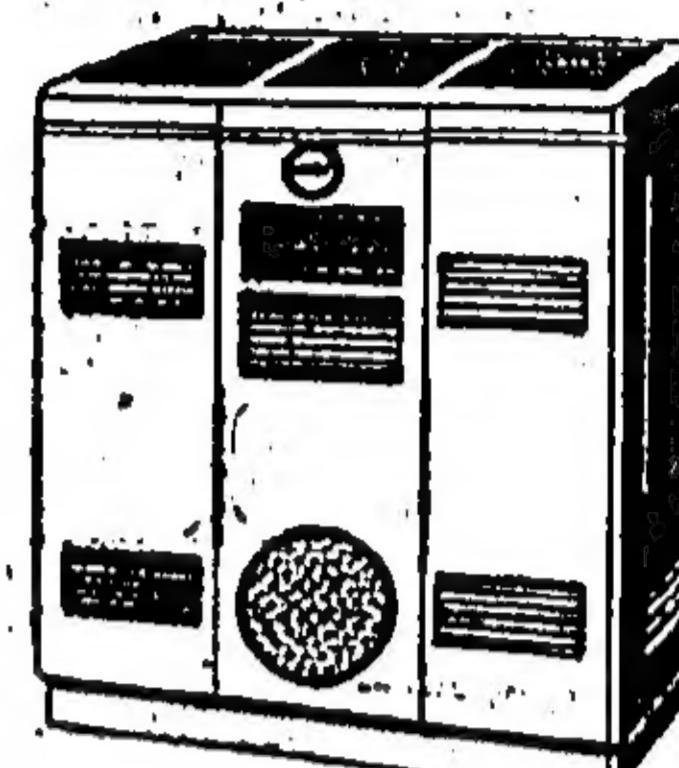
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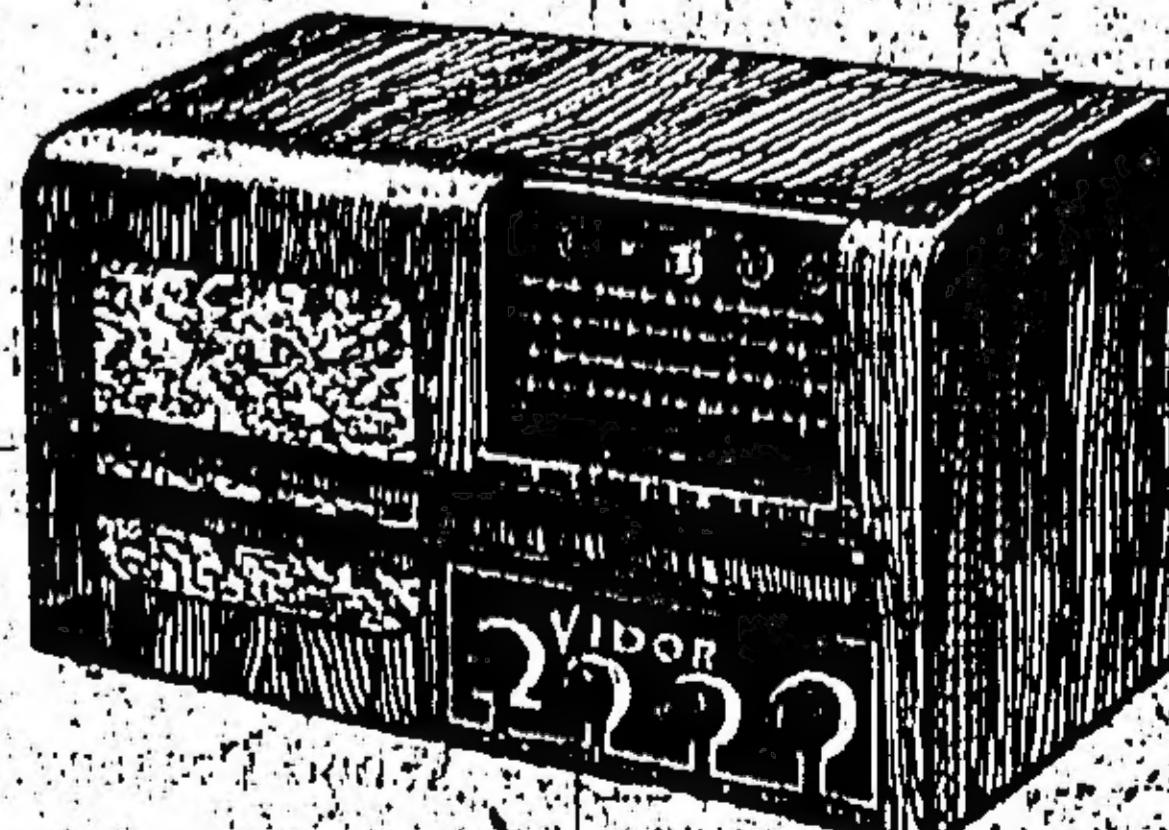
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"V-Day for Europe," ran an Irgun Zvai Leumi slogan coined during the war; "is D-Day for us."

And the recent proclamation by Islam of a holy war on Jewry meant that H-hour had arrived for Palestine's Jews.

Three separate organisations fight Jewry's battle in this unhappy land—Irgun, Haganah, and the Fighters for the Freedom of Israel (commonly known as the Stern Gang).

It is reported that they may now all join forces against the Arabs.

HAGANAH was formed in the days of the Turkish domination over Palestine to protect outlying Jewish communities from bandit attack, and developed, after the first world war, into a semi-trained force of volunteers who protected the Jewish community from fierce Moslem townsmen in 1929.

Wingate's Squads

By the time the Arabs were ready to break into revolt, in 1946, Haganah numbered about 1,600 armed volunteers, built around a small number of supernumerary police constables recruited from Jewish farmers.

Under the late Orde Wingate, then a captain of artillery, Haganah received what would now be called Commando training, and scores of young Jews saw active service on the famous oil pipeline patrols carried out by Wingate's "Night Squads."

Among those who distinguished themselves was a young man named David Reziel.

After the Arab revolt petered out in 1939, following the intervention of the Kings of Iraq, Saudi-Arabia, and Egypt, giving the rebels an opportunity to lay down their arms without humiliation, the British Colonial Minister, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, issued a White Paper.

Heritage Of Hate

His followers are still dedicated to the belief that Jewry's only enemies are the British.

To that end they are prepared to go to any lengths in co-operating with any nation or group of nations. It is sometimes said that they receive money, for instance, from the U.S.S.R.

It is even said that they have been supplied with recruits by Russia from Eastern Europe.

Irgun swung into post-war action with an attack on C.I.D. headquarters in Jerusalem on Christmas Day, 1946. Terrorism continued throughout the spring.

At the same time Haganah attacked British radar stations on Mount Carmel overlooking Haifa. Then Mr. Attlee declared that illegal armies must be dissolved in Palestine before the British Government would consider the implementation of the recommendations of the Anglo-American Committee of on-the-spot fact-finders.

Haganah attacked frontier bridges in co-operation with the Stern and Irgun groups.

It was considered at this time that the Jewish Agency

(From the files of the "China Mail")

There was an idle report here, current on Saturday last, that the Chinese of this place had concerted a rising simultaneously with the one on the part of the mob of Canton, who were to have set fire to the Factories and cut off the Residents. It was reported that double guards had been placed on all the outputs, and the Ceylon Rifles taken out to practice and afterwards marched through the town by way of a demonstration.

We have been at some pains to trace the report, and find it to have been altogether groundless.

The sentries were not doubled at my station, and the marching of the Rifles through the town had nothing whatever in it of a political character. A procession was pursued by the Police and turned out to be an ordinary Chinese funeral!

The times are undoubtedly dangerous and eventful, and no precaution should be omitted on the part of our authorities to secure life and property in this island.

The Chinese, cowardly as they are, will run any risk if you will only give them an opportunity of carrying it through by surprise, in the effect of which they are devout believers.

The establishment of a strong police station at East Point, in the godowns which formerly belonged to Ferguson, Leighton & Co., appears very judicious, as mounted orderlies may thus constantly scour the road to the eastward, up to the limits of the carriage drive.

problem in the various chanceries, including the Poliburo in Moscow, in the expectation that re-examination, plus intervening events, might compel the necessary spirit of compromise. The thing to do now is to accept the Soviet thesis of a divided world, and to work independently in the Western sphere towards economic recovery. In no other direction does any hope lie.

was intimately involved in this show of force by Haganah, and, as a result, British troops and police occupied the Jewish Agency's headquarters at dawn on June 29, arrested many of its leaders, and began wide searches of Jewish settlements for Haganah arms.

From then onwards a state of approaching war continued between Irgun and the British security forces.

Haganah played little active part. But on July 23, 1946, the dynamiting of the King David Hotel by the Irgun killed more than 100 British, Arab, and Jewish officials and civilians.

According to Irgun, they had previously had permission from the Haganah to go ahead with the King David operation, following the British occupation of the Jewish Agency headquarters.

At the beginning of this year official Jewish opinion began to harden against the terrorist group, and last spring the first signs were seen of Haganah action against Irgun.

The hanging by the Irgun of Sergeant Police and Martin in a wood near Nathanya last July came as a climax to Irgun outrages.

Under One Flag

Despite the running amok of British personnel in Tel-Aviv that same night with the killing of five Jewish civilians and the wounding or injury of another 15, a wave of revulsion shook the population.

Irgun activity ceased for a while, except for the attack with a Heath Robinsonian "land-torpedo" on Haifa police headquarters at the end of September.

During the past weeks, however, there have been reports that a united command of Haganah, Irgun, and the Stern Gang is to be set up, empowered to act against any Arab move to employ force in defiance of the UNO partition plan.

It is said that this move is delayed by the refusal of Menahem Begin, Irgun leader, to accept the subordinate role offered to him by Haganah.

On the other hand, the Stern Gang, dedicated to the ousting of Britain from Palestine, might seem to be preparing for dissolution.

For the time being, at any rate, the Stern Gang is reported to have decided to suspend their sporadic campaign of personal assassination in order not to give the British any excuse for staying in Palestine!

Irgun remains the greatest threat to peace in Palestine, during and after any British evacuation.

In the eyes of Jewish Agency leaders the fear is real that Irgun, once the British withdraw, can come out into the open and act as S.S. men, using the same tactics against the Jewish electorate as they used against the British.

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Notice what a difference was caused by South's second bid at the two tables. Where he bid 2-No Trumps to show his strength, North had no sure way to show at once that his hand was better than minimum, also his suit, except by hoping to game. The Blackwood 4-No Trumps here could only elicit useless information about North's lack of aces, and the second Blackwood bid of 5-No Trumps only showed one king. So the suit small slam was all South could safely try. But where the 3-Diamonds bid was followed by North finding out about South's four aces, North had so much unknown strength of other kinds that he took slight risk in bidding the biggest of all possible slams.

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J. 7 2

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S. 6 3

H. A. 3 2

D. A. K. 8 4 3

C. A. 7

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)

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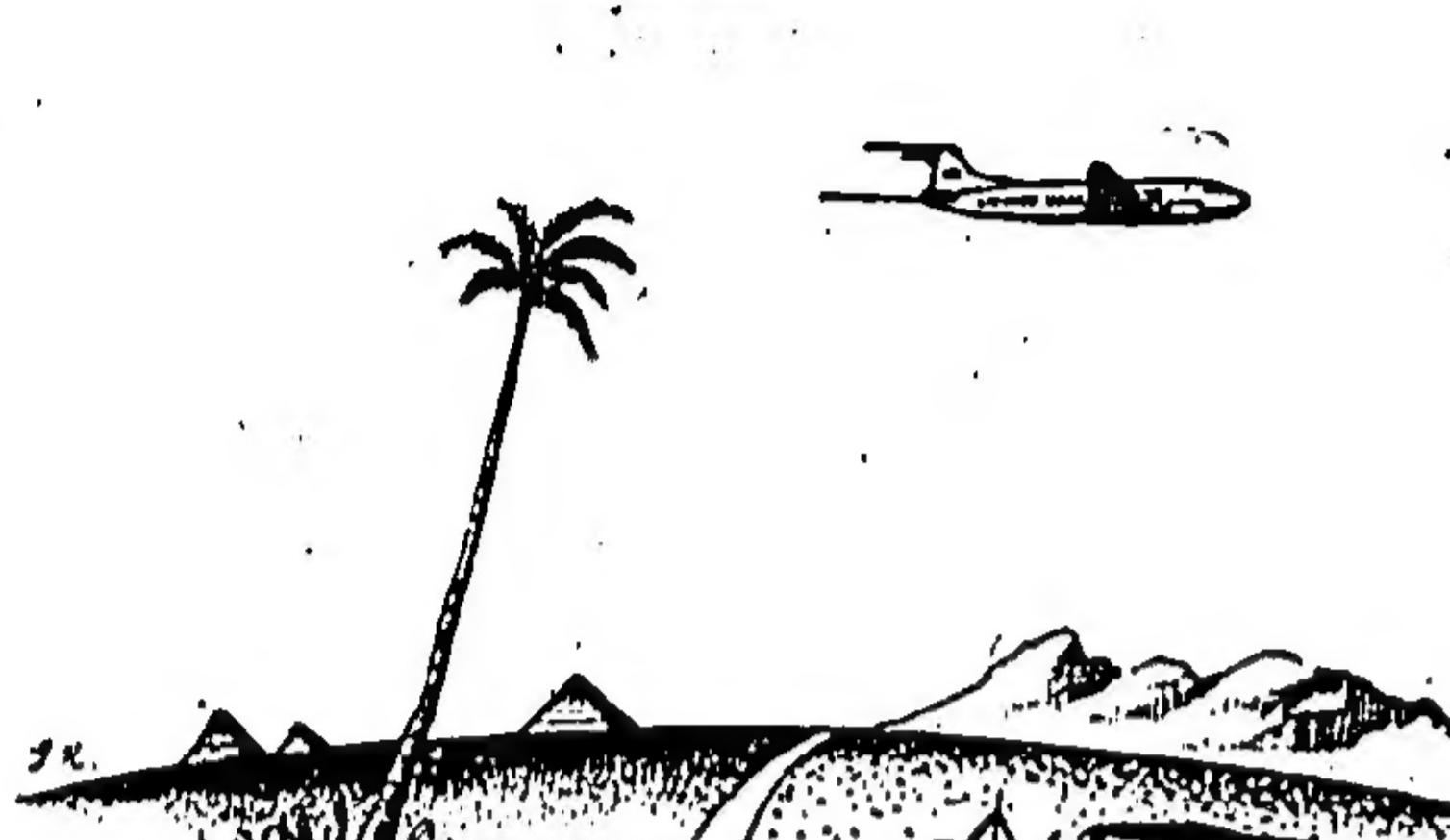
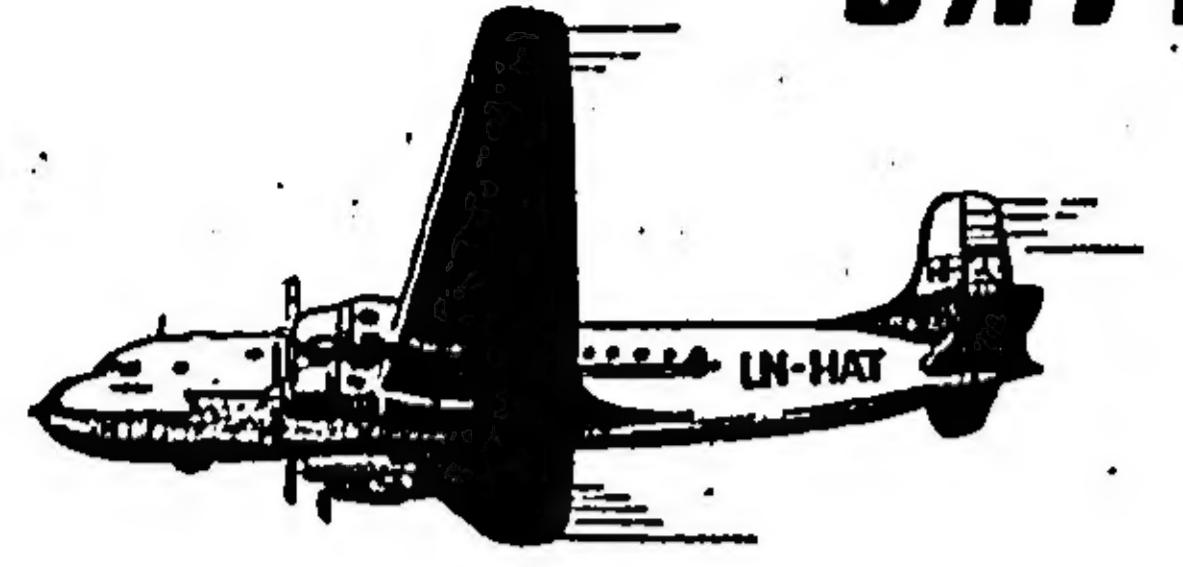
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COLLAPSE OF BIG FOUR

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Mr. Oliver Stanley on behalf of the Conservative Opposition, today asked the Government whether such a statement would be forthcoming, and there is a belief in certain quarters that the Conservatives may yet go further and ask for a pre-recess debate.

The British Cabinet fully discussed its attitude towards the main issues to be raised at the Foreign Ministers conference before the talks opened, and the understanding was that, if circumstances changed, Mr. Bevin would come back to the Cabinet for fresh discussions.

The general feeling among British political observers tonight is that Britain and the United States will have to do what they can to make "Bizonia" a success and will try to create a bizonal area by negotiations with France.

German Anxiety

Worldwide reaction today to the conference adjournment as reported in Reuter dispatches included:

Germany:—The Premiers of eight States of British and American zones, meet in Frankfurt at the end of the week to discuss the future German constitution, and it is possible that British and American commanders will be back from London in time to join the German Premiers' discussions.

German newspapers expressed the depression and anxiety felt over the future.

An executive of the German Social Democrat Party in Hanover, today described an American report that the Social Democrats were intending to start negotiations with the Christian Democratic Union for the creation of a Western State constitution as "wrong in every respect." Dr. Kurt Schumacher, stated:—"As everybody who thinks like a German had foreseen, the London conference proved that not the German wish for unity but the balance of power among the victorious nations is decisive for Germany's immediate future."

Wrong On Every Point

Reports abroad that two leading Western parties are going to bring about a Western German Government are wrong on every point. Responsibility for this must be put on the powers that participated in the London conference. It is not right to place the responsibility on Germans for the consequences of the disagreement in London."

He expressed his Party's hope that the adjournment would not mean an East-West break in Germany and the world, and declared that despite their severity, the Russian demands which led to the cessation of the talks, "should not be considered an insoluble problem."

Russia: Moscow blamed a secret plan by the British and Americans to make the Soviet Union responsible for the failure of the London conference.

There was widespread disappointment among the Russian people, a Reuter dispatch from Moscow said.

Psychologically, the fact that Mr. George Marshall, whose name is linked with the "notorious" Attlee-Stalin meeting, has been appointed to the American delegation, caused suspicion here from the start that the Americans, British and French planned to wreck any agreement.

U.S. Suggestion

America: Some American observers suggested that a Truman-Attlee-Stalin meeting be held. They argued that Generalissimo Stalin in his interview with Mr. Marshall earlier this year, made it clear that only after the Foreign Ministers had exhausted all avenues of compromise, could the heads of the States seek an agreement as a last resort.

France: The French newspaper, except those of the Communists, blamed M. Molotov for the breakdown.

Le Mondo, the Conservative journal which often reflects the French Foreign Office views, said: "France has no choice but to cast her lot with Britain and the United States in the administration of Western Germany."

Vienna: Dr. Leopold Figl, the Austrian Chancellor and Foreign Minister, expressing his regret in the Austrian Cabinet meeting yesterday at the failure of the Foreign Ministers Conference said: "The Austrian people and their Government will not change their determination to fight for the sovereignty of Austria."

Berlin: Neither M. Molotov nor Marshal Sokolovsky, made any statement on their arrival in Berlin today, though high officials of the Soviet inspired German Socialist Unity Party were gathered at the airport to meet them.

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French View

The French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, holds out hopes of continued Big Four co-operation.

Speaking at a press conference here—first of the four leading participants to comment on the new situation—M. Bidault said: "It is my desire to leave the door open for all possible attempts at an overall settlement."

M. Bidault was replying to the question of whether the three western powers should now proceed to a settlement without Russia.

Asked if there would be another session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, M. Bidault said: "No date has been fixed but the institution exists for always and this is one of the good things one can find in the Potsdam Agreement."

No plans have been made for talks between Mr. Bevin, Mr. Marshall and M. Bidault before the departure of the two visitors, expected within the next 48 hours.

Despite these official declarations, usually well-informed quarters in London believe that the three Ministers may meet tomorrow to make immediate decisions on the future of Western Germany, writes Reuters' Diplomatic Correspondent.

Merger Issue

Asked whether France will join the other two western zones, M. Bidault said today that a merger was possible but not inevitable or imperative.

"There may be a merger which is profitable for France and one which is not. I will choose the profitable one," he declared.

The treaty between the three western powers for the disarmament of Germany had not yet been discussed, he said, but such a long-term guarantee was of major importance to France.

M. Bidault listed four other guarantees which France hoped for—the economic detachment of the Saar, a federal regime for Germany, a special regime for the Rhineland, and the international control of the Ruhr.

Authoritative London quarters tonight made it clear that the collapse of the conference will in no way affect the impending trade agreement between Britain and Russia, Reuter's Political Correspondent writes.

This is regarded as purely a commercial agreement not affected by political issues.—Reuter.

China Sticks To Policy

Nanking, Dec. 17.—

The Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Shih-chih, at the Executive Yuan meeting yesterday, said that China's stand on the Far Eastern peace conference and the four-power veto right was unchanged.

Up to the present, China has insisted on an 11-power—now 12—with the inclusion of Pakistan—preliminary conference to be

SETBACK FOR UNO

Lake Success, Dec. 16.

United Nations diplomats today viewed the breakdown of the Big Four Foreign Ministers conference as a setback for the strife-weakened United Nations.

Diplomats maintain that world organisations cannot really work until the great Powers settle the peace and put their signatures on the German and Japanese treaties.

United Nations observers pointed to the utility of debating important issues like selection of the governor of Trieste, or international atomic energy control, or warfare in Indonesia so long as the Russians and Americans and British or the French feel compelled to use such issues in their bigger battle over the peace treaties.

The London failure even heightened the scepticism in some circles about apparent Anglo-Russian harmony on Palestine that made possible the General Assembly decision to divide the Holy Land between Jews and Arabs.—United Press.

CHIANG'S GIFTS

Nanking, Dec. 17.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has bought 200 silk handkerchiefs costing more than CN\$14,000,000 for distribution among the Army Advisory Group as Christmas gifts, each embroidered with the character "Chiang," it was reported today.—United Press.

followed by a full conference of the 11 powers and the four major powers, namely Russia, the United States, Britain and China, the latter still retaining veto rights under the United Nations Charter.—Reuter.

Basis Of Plan For Germany

Frankfurt, Germany, Dec. 16.

The principal political leaders of the Anglo-American zones of Germany agreed today on a basic plan for creation of a Western Germany.

They met behind closed doors without the Communists.

The session met on the breakdown of the Foreign Ministers conference in London. Attending were the leaders of the Christian Social Union, the Social Democrats, and Liberal Democrats.

They accepted an invitation to confer with the Anglo-American zonal commanders, probably on Saturday.

Out of this conference may emerge a political organisation for the combined zones, to which the French zone may be added later. At any rate, the Germans expect to learn just how far they can go. The German leaders have mapped a detailed campaign designed to combat Soviet propaganda and influence in Germany.

The campaign is designed to win the support of 17,000,000 Germans in the Russian zone away from Communism.

Their plans call for a democratically-elected Government dedicated to "western ideas and principles of freedom." They

are necessary.—Associated Press.

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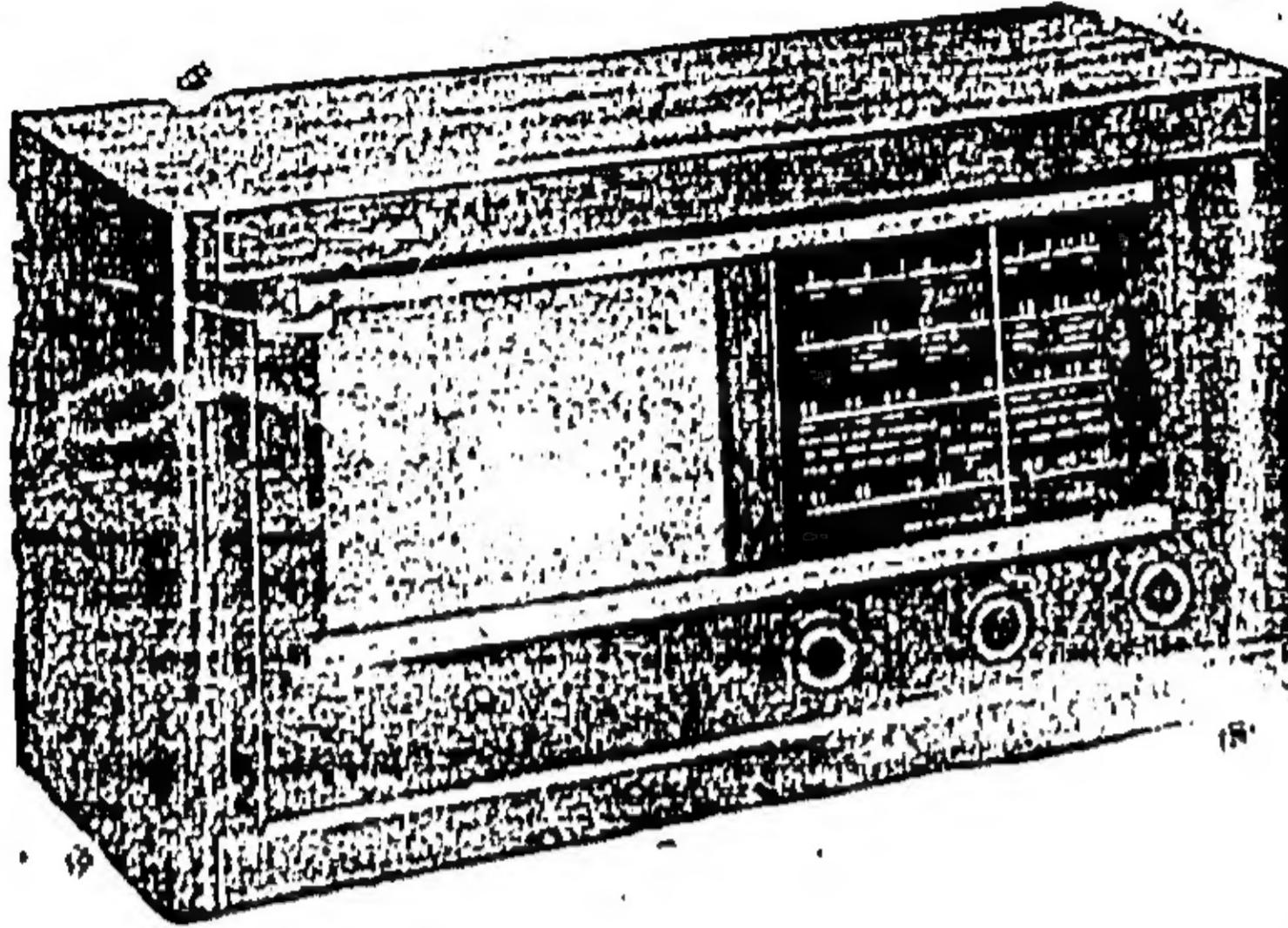
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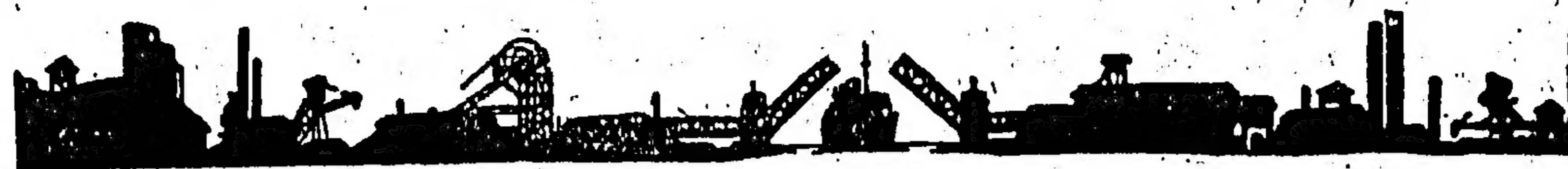
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WOES OF
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The woes of the harassed American steel industry has been magnified by higher freight rates, rising scrap prices and the "galling" of scrap material, according to "Iron Age" metal-working weekly.

Granting of emergency freight rate boosts, the publication said, means that "a further withdrawal by steel firms from distant markets is a certainty because present steel-making costs will not stand too much of an increase in freight absorption by steel companies."

A few scrap dealers are reported to put concrete, dirt and other foreign matter into steel scrap. This has been loaded into presses which bale sheet steel into No. 2 steel bundles, which bring the same price as heavy melting steel. So serious has the practice become that responsible scrap men have strongly protested with a warning that it poses a threat to the entire scrap industry.

"At one steel mill alone it was indicated that 10,000 tons of steel were lost as a result of 'foreign matter' in bundled scrap. Since this producer has been making his steel from a charge including about 60 per cent hot metal and 26 per cent scrap generated in his own plant, the high ratio of foreign matter in some of the bundles bought on the outside was particularly obvious."

Most steel consumers, the Weekly added, "are behind the 'tight-ball'" so far as their December steel supplies are concerned. Many companies have made substantial reductions in the quotas they set up originally for the final 1947 quarter, and many large fabricators will not get the steel supplies they were promised some time ago.

Customers have three alternatives, in view of the rapidly diminishing steel deliveries: (1) they can turn to the gray market; (2) arrange for conversion by buying ingots or semi-finished steel, or (3) choose a substitute.

The gray market and conversion deals, the weekly said, "are now being played to the limit." Metal consumers are now realizing that the only undeveloped source with which they can augment their supplies lies in the replacement of steel by other products—and aluminum is becoming no slouch in this situation".—United Press.

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A unique service for buyers in search of oil engines is provided by a catalogue issued by the British Internal Combustion Engine Manufacturers' Association.

The catalogue is primarily a scientific and technical reference book which lists and classifies 2,000 different engines. It sets out to offer each oil engine on a basis of what the customer needs and avoids boasting any one maker's design or trademark. It is the first time that makers have combined in such an enterprise.

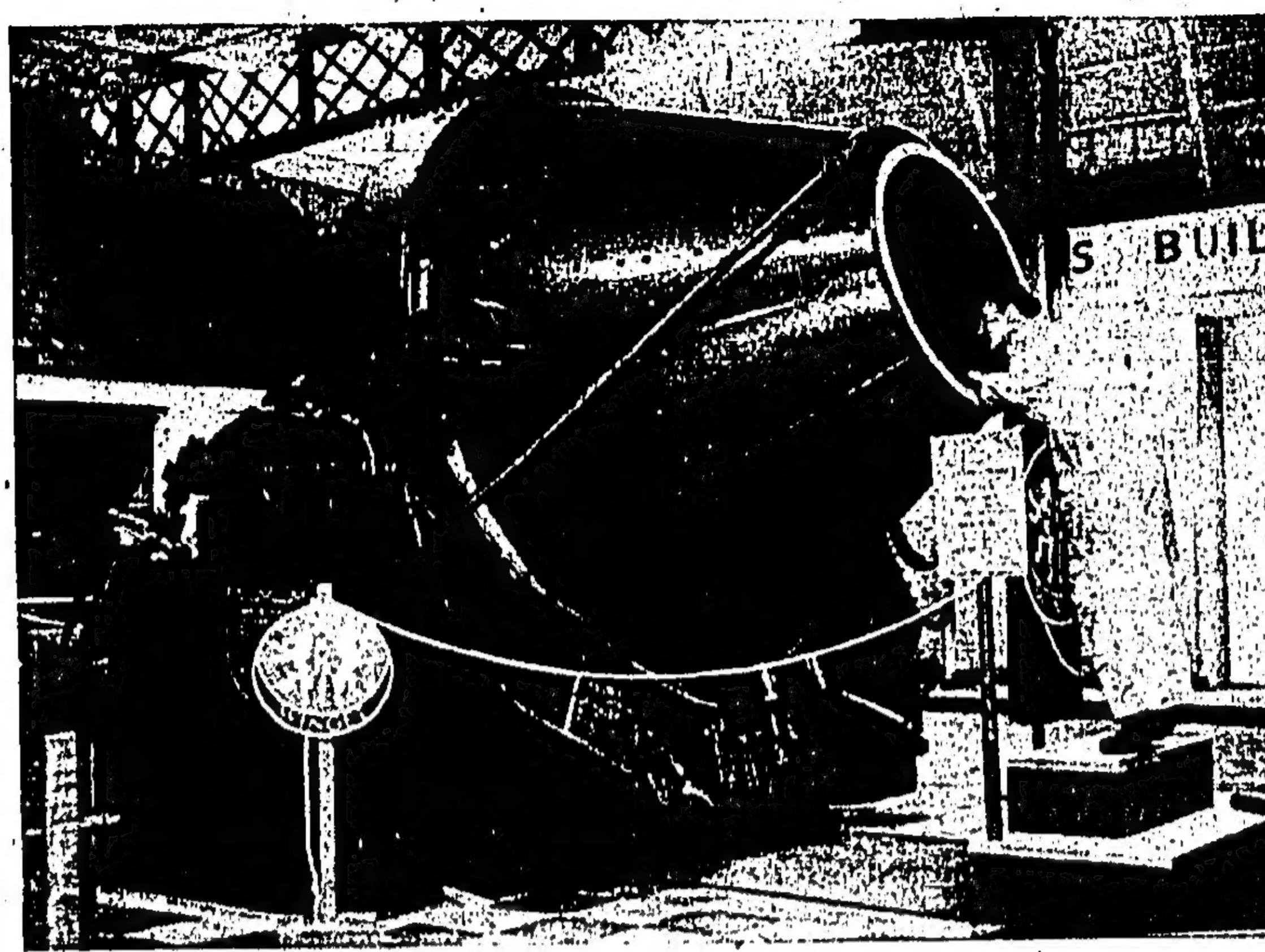
In all, 33 firms from all parts of the United Kingdom have combined to offer overseas buyers factual information on the types of engines available from British workshops. They have pooled their knowledge of the trade to make a catalogue despite the fact that they are among the most highly competitive businesses in the country.

Sir Lyndon Macasey, Independent Chairman of the Association, describes the issue of the list as a step towards overcoming the difficulty that, in the past, the British Government has not been able to guarantee delivery. In the past the Government has been able merely to refer overseas buyers to separate manufacturers. This catalogue goes far to meet the problem.

Sir Lyndon pointed out that the supremacy of British engineers in this field is illustrated by the fact that no less than 92½ per cent of the total value of production of the internal combustion engine industry goes into the export market.

Two 100 K.W. short-wave transmitters are to be installed at Hoerby in South Sweden at a cost of more than \$110,000 by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of Chelmsford, Sweden has recently placed a contract with the British Marconi Company for transmitters for communication with European and American long and shortwave telegraph countries.

Giant Concrete Mixer



Among the exhibits at the Building Exhibition now being held at Olympia is this giant 10-ton concrete mixer made by Winget, of Rochester. This is the biggest concrete mixer manufactured in Britain and gives an output of 1 cubic yards of concrete per batch. (Photo by Arthur Jones).

Power And Weight

The introduction of newly designed motorcars has been delayed in Britain by the paramount need to secure maximum output. This has governed policy. It has been equally important to reduce the gap between demand and supply in the home market as to obtain foreign currency to counterbalance imports and the loss of previously-existing overseas investments. Yet during the two years that have passed since the end of World War II, 14 entirely new designs of cars have been produced in Britain varying in size from models of 1.200 cc. to 4½ litres capacity.

A notable characteristic of the majority of these new types has been a combination of high-power output with moderate weight, a sure guarantee of fine performance, and an insurance against unreliability and rapid wear. Austin, Rolls-Royce, and Bentley are notable examples of large cars following this trend.

The 3½-litre Austin engine is developing over 120 BHP while the 4½-litre power units used by Rolls-Royce and Bentley develop between 125 and 135 BHP.

The first two are not specifically designed as high performance motorcars, but it is not uninteresting to observe that both of them offer over 60 BHP per long ton, the ratio being virtually unaltered if considered in relation to 1,000 kilogrammes. Despite these relatively favourable figures the stiffness and rigidity of the cars has not been sacrificed. Materials have, of course, been very closely studied in order to obtain the best strength-weight characteristics.

It is notable also that the Austin is offered with composite wood and light alloy body which results in a very material weight saving. The latest methods of production are used in this car. The wood in the body structure is specially treated and the latest type of artificial resins ("plastics") are used in place of ordinary glue so that the whole is impervious to rot and atmospheric attack.

Kirkstite
The technique was developed during the war in the construction of the world-famous Do Havilland Mosquito, an aircraft which, despite its small size and twin engines, undertook night raids on Berlin, travelling at such speed that losses were extremely low. The shell of the Austin is made from light alloy panels which are formed by metal Kirkstite dies. The latter is a non-ferrous alloy of low melting point which can be cast with such exactness that machining of the dies is unnecessary. It is, therefore, possible advantageously to use pressings even on cars made in limited quantities and where capital cost had previously been prohibitive.

Light alloy is also used extensively in the Triumph Roadster, a much smaller car with a four-cylinder engine of only 1,800 cc. By virtue, however, of weighing little more than a ton (21.6 cwt.) and an engine which gives 62 BHP, the overall power-weight ratio comes

40 to 60 MPH in 8.9 secs., and the Henley in 8.5. The maximum speeds of the cars are in round figures 105 and 117 MPH respectively.

The merits of these figures can be well assessed by comparing them with the large American type of vehicle which has, not unjustifiably, established world standards in these directions. An example with an engine of 4.4-litre capacity and using twelve cylinders took over 14 secs. to reach 60 MPH from rest, accelerated from 40 to 60 MPH in 8 secs., and returned a maximum speed of 87 MPH.

The Jowett
The new Jowett Javelin is an outstanding example. The 1½-litre engine gives 50 BHP, the car weighs 19½ cwt., and therefore offers 62 BHP per ton. This model reaches 60 MPH in 20 secs. and takes 18.2 secs. to traverse the range 40-60 MPH in top gear.

Although these are substantially greater times than on the more powerful models, the smaller car offers the advantage of remarkably low fuel consumption. Even when driven at the relatively high speed of 50 MPH it will do 38 miles per gallon, 29 MPG being obtained at 60 MPH. Moreover, neither performance nor economy has been secured by skimping the body dimensions for there is 67 inches between the front board and the back of the rear seat, with 50 inches elbow room. The hill climbing of this car is particularly good and a 10 per cent gradient can be ascended in top gear at over 50 MPH.

These figures compare favourably with those of much larger cars but they are rivaled by the Riley and exceeded by the Henley. Both of these cars use a four-cylinder power unit of the same design. As used in the Riley it develops 90 BHP and with a 28 cwt. car the figure is 65 HP per ton. On the Healey, the engine is tuned up to give 104 HP and with a weight of only 21 cwt. the figure is 95 HP per ton. As a consequence of the engineering efforts which lie behind these fine figures the cars have excellent road performance.

The British technical motor-ing press publishes comprehensive reports on matters of this kind and these show that, taking the Riley and the Healey as an example, the Riley will reach 60 MPH from rest in 15.2 secs., and the Healey in 12.3 secs. The Riley can accelerate from

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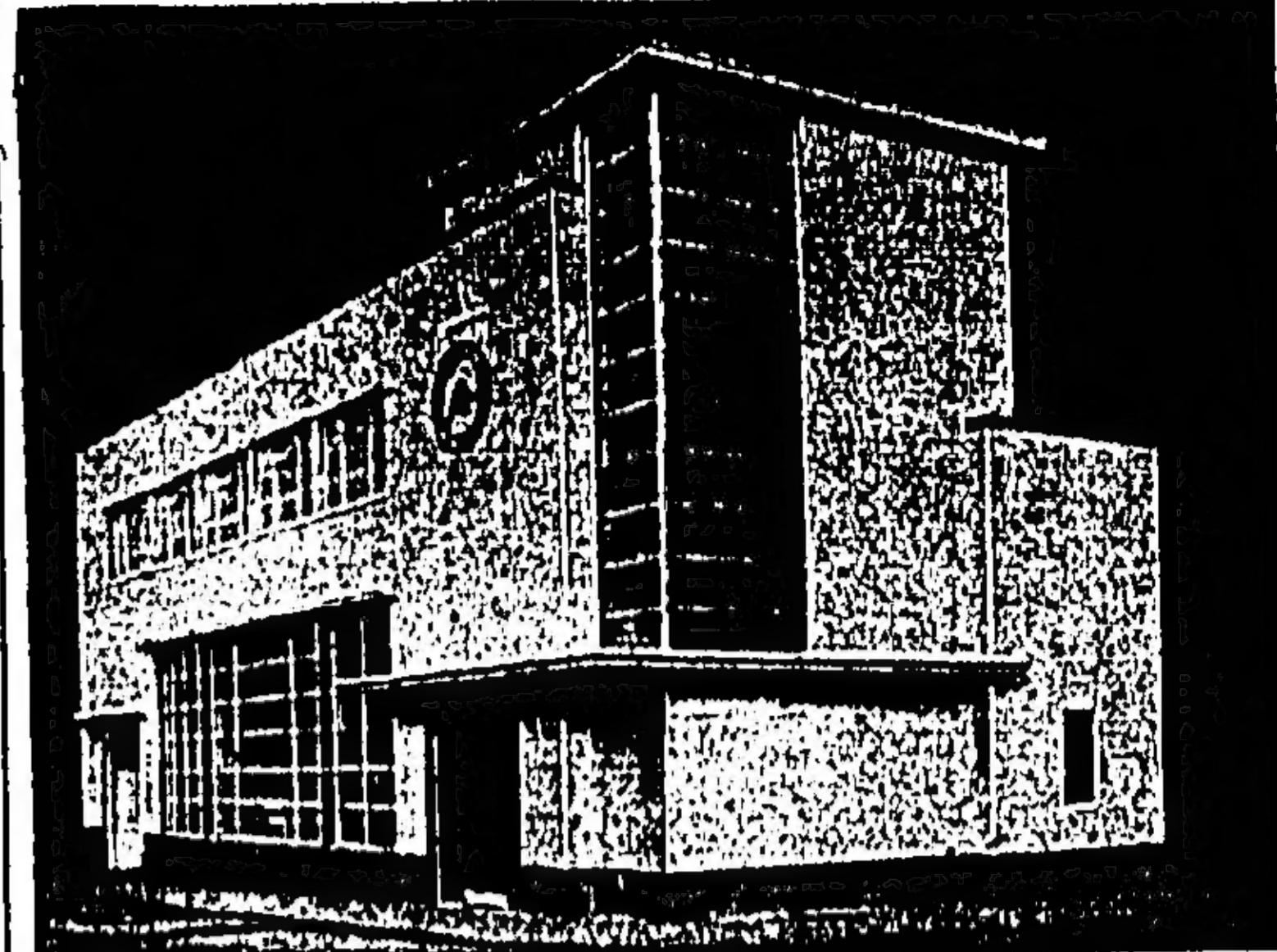
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INDONESIAN CHARGE Alleges Menace To Capital

Batavia, Dec. 16. Sufficient Dutch troops were massing in forward positions in Java to constitute a threat to the Republican capital of Jokjakarta, Amir Sjarifuddin, the Indonesian Republican Prime Minister, declared today.

He was speaking on board the U.S. Navy transport Renville, the vessel on which the Dutch-Indonesian peace negotiations under United Nations mediation, are taking place, in Batavia harbour.

He was unable to say whether the presence of Dutch troops was meant as a threat to Jokjakarta, he added, but it certainly gave the impression that something might happen in the near future.

The Indonesian Prime Minister said that he agreed with an appeal for support made today by the Republican Socialist Party to Socialists throughout Asia.

A Netherlands East Indies Government spokesman later emphatically denied that there was any concentration of Dutch troops threatening Jokjakarta.

There was no question of any new Dutch move against the Republican capital, he said.

The Netherlands News Agency reported today from the West Java capital of Bandung that "extremists" had shot at delegates from the districts Tasik Malaya and Tjiamis while they were en route to the West Java Conference at which Indonesians, prepared to cooperate with the Dutch, were expected to seek a separate state or autonomous status for the 12,000,000 Sundanese people formerly in the Republic.

About 25 Indonesians, including some former members of the Republican Army, were temporarily arrested when they demonstrated outside the Conference hall.

West Java

Amir Sjarifuddin said that the Indonesian Republic would have to raise the West Java question with the Security Council's good offices committee if a new state was formed.

The Indonesian Prime Minister endorsed the remarks made earlier by Dr. Mohamed Roem, the Republican Minister of the Interior, that the Republican Government would ask the United Nations to conduct a plebiscite in "Dutch-created Indonesian states" if the present conciliation efforts failed.

Today's Dutch communiqué accused the Republican Government of trying to obstruct and retard the negotiations while strengthening its own economic position.

Flying Wing In The Air

Rugby, Dec. 16.

Acclaimed as the most advanced type of research aircraft in the world, the Armstrong Whitworth jet-propelled flying wing made its first flight in public from an airfield near here today.

The highly polished plane is powered by two Rolls Royce engines, has a wing span of 90 feet, fully Indian take-off weight of 33,000 pounds and cost £200,000 to produce.—Reuter.

Family Xmas On The Rhine

London, Dec. 16. Soldiers serving in the Rhine Army will have a "family" Christmas this year under a War Office scheme to send 727 children to the British Army of the Occupation of the Rhine and Austria.

All children have been at school while their parents were living in Germany. They are aged between six and 18. Those whose fathers have years of further service in the Rhine army and who have not been furloughed before will have their return fares paid by the Government. Children who do not come within this category will have their fares paid by their fathers.—Reuter.

Moscow Goes Off Rationing

Moscow, Dec. 16. Soviet shops were today well stocked with food-stuffs and manufactured goods—the first day of shopping without ration books. "Be polite to the customer," Pravda, the Russian Communist Party's official newspaper, exhorted the assistants in shops and restaurants.

TRADE UNIONISM IN MALAYA

London, Dec. 16. The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, is shortly sending a mission of trade unionists to Singapore and the Malayan Union to investigate the local trade union movement.

Mr. Creech Jones made this known after a report from the Governors which, he said, showed that the position was "clearly quite unsatisfactory."—Reuter.

Government Workers On Strike!

MADRAS, DEC. 15. OVER 3,000 MADRAS GOVERNMENT LOWER GRADE ("NON-GAZETTED") WORKERS WENT ON STRIKE TODAY. THEY DEMANDED PARITY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA'S "NON-GAZETTED" WORKERS IN PAY AND ALLOWANCES.

The Madras Secretariat itself was not affected. All its "non-gazetted" staff started work as usual but over 80 percent of the lower grades in other Government offices including the Public Works, Revenue Board, Civil Supplies and the High Court, stayed away.

Police were posted at all Government offices as a precaution but no demonstrations were reported.—Reuter.

Italy Gets A Concession

Rome, Dec. 10. Italy's fleet of submarines, which under the terms of the Italian peace treaty should have been sunk in the open sea by midnight had an eleven-hour reprieve tonight.

The Italian Foreign Office announced this afternoon that it had been informed that the "Big Four" Governments had decided to grant Italy a concession for amendment of Article 58 (C) of the peace treaty under which all submarines abroad except for eight to be handed over to the Big Four were to be sunk within three months of the treaty coming into force.

Italy ended the war with 34 of the 130 submarines with which she began it, it was reported in 1945. Eighty-four were lost by

He Gave The Wrong Injection

London, Dec. 16.

A doctor, who claimed that he has given more than 20,000 injections during the 17 years he has specialised in varicose vein treatment, injected a patient with the wrong drug, which killed him within two minutes.

This was revealed at a Hammersmith inquest on Frank Edward Muggridge, 42, a tobacconist of Dale Street, Chatham, who collapsed and died in the surgery of Dr. Reginald Simpson Harvey, Onslow Gardens, Kensington.

The doctor said he injected the man's leg with adrenalin, a heart stimulant, in mistake for ephedrine.

Asked how the bottle of adrenalin got into the carton marked "ephedrine," the doctor said: "I had lost the bottle of adrenalin two weeks ago. I always keep it in my bag but couldn't find it there. I can only think that this bottle was on my desk and as the bottles of adrenalin and ephedrine are identical that it was dropped into the carton."

A verdict of death by misadventure was recorded.—Reuter.

Last British Troops Leave Italy

Southampton, Dec. 16.

The transport Taos Victory, which sailed here from Venice this morning, had on board 479 men of the Royal Battalion of the Essex Regiment, the last British troops to leave Italy, where they had served for 15 months.

The Essex Regimental band played on the quay-side as the ship docked and the battalion was welcomed home by Brigadier G.H. Wilmer, Colonel of the Regiment.

The battalion landed in France on D-Day and took part in campaigns which preceded the German collapse. After serving with the occupation forces they went to Trieste and moved to Venice in January this year.—Reuter.

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"RUBY STONE"	Bombay via Straits	20th Dec.
"TREVOSE"	Genoa, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam) via Straits & Colombo	24th Dec.
"STRATHNAVER"	Shanghai	24th Dec.
"ORMARA"	Colombo	29th Dec.
"TREVETHOE"	Shanghai via Straits	11th Jan.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	16th Jan.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	15th Feb.

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"SANGOLA"	Shanghai & Amoy	13th Jan.

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SHIP	TO	SAILING
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"NEWCHIANG"
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"WUCHOW"
"NINHIAH"
"NANCHANG"

Arrivals from
Swatow 2 p.m. 19th Dec.
Amoy, Foochow, Shanghai & Tientsin 5 p.m. 20th Dec.
Fusan (Korea) 4 p.m. 23rd Dec.
Shanghai 3 p.m. 24th Dec.
Singapore, Batavia, Sourabaya & Macassar 6 p.m. 25th Dec.
Bangkok 4 p.m. 26th Dec.
Japan Ports 4 p.m. 26th Dec.
Swatow, Bangkok, & Saigon 3 p.m. 27th Dec.
Japan Ports 4 p.m. 28th Dec.

(Sail from Custodian Wharf)

Arrivals from
Swatow a.m. 19th Dec.
Shanghai 22nd Dec.
Shanghai & Keeling 22nd Dec.
Shanghai 7 a.m. 22nd Dec.
Java & Singapore a.m. 23rd Dec.
Bangkok 26th Dec.
Shanghai 27th Dec.

Owing to low tide there will be no sailing to Canton on the 18th December.

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ARRIVALS FROM

Poole via Bangkok: Dec. 16 BOAC (Capt. Johnson), 2.10 p.m.
Singapore via Bangkok: Dec. 20, Cathay Pacific 3 p.m.
Dec. 19, BOAC (Capt. Blackaller), 2.10 p.m.

Manila: Dec. 19, Cathay Pacific, noon.
Dec. 19, Cathay Pacific, noon.

Shanghai: Daily, CNAC (DC4), 10.45 a.m.
Dec. 19, HK Airways (Capt. Ballantine), 3.30 p.m.

San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Okinawa, Shanghai): Dec. 18, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manilla): Dec. 20, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

Saigon: Dec. 19, Air France, 2 p.m.

DEPARTURES TO

Poole via Bangkok: Dec. 20, BOAC (Capt. Scadding), 8 p.m.

Oslo via Bangkok: Dec. 19, Brathens, 9 a.m.

Singapore via Bangkok: Dec. 19, CPA, 7 p.m.

San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manilla): Dec. 20, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

Manila: Dec. 19, CPA, 1 p.m.

Dec. 18, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

Shanghai: (Continued at foot of next Column)

THE CHINA MAIL, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1947.

POST OFFICE

MAIL NOTICE Outward Mail

ARRIVALS YESTERDAY

Jan Ricardo (J. Manners) 850 tons from Haiphong (Capt. E. Gorde)... Ab.

Lorraine (A.P.L.) 7,500 tons from Shanghai (Capt. R.O. Wilson)... Kln. Whr.

Plattburg (Wallen) 6,300 tons from Shanghai (Capt. T.A. McGirt)... S.U.K.

Prosper (Everett's) 1,177 tons from Singapore (Capt. A.S. Burge)... HS.

Closing Times Dec. 18.

Airmail for Shanghai, Hankow, Nan-hsin, Tientsin and Peiping (Rev. 8 p.m. Ord.) 8.30 p.m.

Airmail for Canton, Swatow, Amoy, and Fouchow: "Airmail for Kweilin" (Rev. 8 p.m.) 8.30 p.m.

Canton, 7 a.m.

Macau, Tientsin and Shantung, 1 p.m.

Manila, Hongkuk, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada), (Par. & Reg.) 1.30 p.m. (Ord.) 2 p.m.

Canton, 2 p.m.

Strait and Marseilles, 8 p.m.

Holloway, 8 p.m.

Macau, Tiansin and Shantung, 4 p.m.

Canton, 8 p.m.

DEPARTURES YESTERDAY

Tidssende (J.C.P.L.) from Calcutta and Straits, 8 a.m.

Wing Sang (Jardine's) from Nagoya and Kobe... 11 a.m. 21st Dec.

Trevose (P. & O.) from Shanghai ... Dec. 22.

Wing Sang (Jardine's) from Shanghai and Kweilin ... Dec. 18.

Ornara (P. & O.) from Shanghai ... Dec. 2.

Boeing (K. & O.) from Kobe... Dec. 18.

Strathmore (P. & O.) from Kweilin ... Dec. 24.

Tak Sang (Jardine's) from Nagoya and Kobe... 12 a.m. 22nd Dec.

Sangota (Apcar) from Shanghai, Jan. 15

Shirala (Apcar) from Calcutta and Straits ... Jan.

SOUTH-EAST PORTS

(Indo-China, Siam, Malaya, East Indies)

Heinrich Josen (J.C.P.L.) from Singapore ... Dec. 21.

Hin-Sang (Jardine's) from Sandakan ... Dec. 19.

Ornara (P. & O.) from Singapore ... Dec. 19.

Sinkiang (D. & S.) from Bangkok and Saigon ... Dec. 17.

SAILING SCHEDULES

AMERICAN PORTS - PACIFIC & ATLANTIC

Dec. 18.

Marine Adder (A.P.L.) from San Francisco and Honolulu ... San Francisco.

Alipur (Williamson) ... San Francisco via Manila and Honolulu.

Tidssende (J.C.P.L.) from San Francisco ... San Francisco.

Plattburg (Wallen) to Raa Tanura.

Prosper (Everett's) to Amoy.

EXPECTED DEPARTURES

Jean Laetitia (Wallen) to Raa Tanura.

Plattburg (Wallen) to Raa Tanura.

Prosper (Everett's) to Amoy.

VESSELS IN PORT

Alipur (Williamson) ... San Francisco via Manila and Honolulu.

Tidssende (J.C.P.L.) from San Francisco ... San Francisco.

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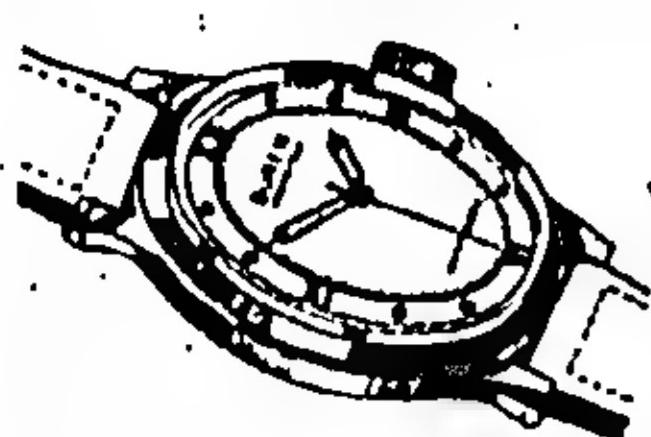
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MUD MADE DEBACLE OF SECOND TEST

Aust. Down For 107: India 7 For 61

Toll Of The Cold In S'hai

Shanghai, Dec. 17. The bodies of ten adults and 131 children were picked up in Shanghai streets in the last two days—the first Shanghai cold spell.

It is believed exposure is one of the main causes of death, although most of the bodies of children are believed to have been abandoned due to the high cost of burying.—United Press.

Stage Set For Swiss Olympics

Saint Moritz (Switzerland), Dec. 17. Switzerland is all set to stage the Winter Olympics from January 30 to February 3.

The Press Commission of the Swiss Olympic Committee reports indications are that there will be 2,200 competitors, officials and press, radio and film representatives here for the games.

Originally 1,600 persons in these categories were expected.

Approximately 200 newsmen, 40 photographers and 22 movie operators have asked for accreditation.

The Alpine Combination will be one of the most popular events at the Winter Olympics if a tabulation of preliminary entries is indicative.

Twenty-one countries are stated to compete.—Associated Press.

The Australians collapsed to India's tame bowling.

With rain and sunshine, the Australians found it a difficult wicket today, which could be called sticky like the one in Brisbane.

Amaranth made the ball kick up, but without luck, for he failed to get more than one wicket.

Mankad at Brisbane and here failed to take advantage of the conditions and bowled with poor length and direction.

Phadkar, with off spinners, took full advantage of the pitch, getting Miller, who played the best cricket.

The later Australian batsmen gave the impression of hitting out to get out and put India in while the wicket was still giving help.

Bradman Bowled

Hazare bowled Bradman with an inswinger, and, getting Hassett well taken by Adikari at silly mid-off, put an end to any prospect that Australia had of playing out the difficult times of the wicket.

Hazare bowled well and fully deserved four wickets, as he received very little help from the pitch.

India batted on a wicket very easily pacified. For some unknown reason, Amarnath changed the batting order, sending Amrit Shahil to open the innings.

The Test match was reduced to the level of the village game with rain as an opening bat.

If Amarnath wanted runs quickly, why was Sarwate, who made three runs in 70 minutes, number three?

India, as the result of the change of batting order and timing play, lost a great opportunity, and are now in a position to lose the match.

Lindwall in six innings has taken Mankad's wicket six times, three times with yorkers.

Tied In Knots

Bill Johnston and Ian Johnson tied the Indian batsmen in knots. Johnston bowled with a slower pace, making the ball break away. He had all the batsmen worried with his spin and inswing, with dip and yorkers.

Johnson, with flight and spin, bowled maiden after maiden. He fully deserved his two wickets and was unlucky not to get more. These two bowlers are likely to be successful on English wickets.

Lindwall and Miller, with their pace, gave no respite to the Indian batsmen. Australia batted poorly on a difficult wicket.

The Australian players, with wickets covered for state matches, have little experience of wet wickets.

THE SCORES

AUSTRALIA

FIRST INNINGS	18
W.A. Brown, run out	18
A. Morris, lb.w. b. Amarnath	10
Drs. Bradman, b. Bazare	13
A.L. Hassett, c. Adikari, b.	6
Hazare	6
K. Miller, lb.w. b. Phadkar	17
R. Hamence, c. Adikari, b.	25
Ian Johnson, lb.w. b. Phadkar	1
C. McCool, b. Phadkar	9
R. Lindwall, b. Hazare	0
Donald Tallon, c. Irani, b.	6
Hazare, not out	0
W. Johnson, not out	2
Extras	107
Total	107

INDIA

SECOND INNINGS	0
Amrit Shahil, c. Miller, b. W. Johnston	13
V. Mankad, b. Lindwall	5
C.T. Sarwate, c. Ian Johnson	3
B.W. Johnston	0
Gul Mohammed, c. Bradman	5
Ian Johnson	2
D.G. Phadkar, c. Tallon, b. Miller	13
V. Hazare, not out	0
L. Apurmo, c. Morris, b. Ian Johnson	14
G. Oshencharan, c. McCool, b. W. Johnston	0
Extras	6
Total	61
(for 7 wkt.)—Reuter and United Press.	0

REMANDED

Wong Sam-chui, 20, and Leung Hung, 26, alleged to be two of the four armed men who attempted to rob the residence of Mr. Hooi Yip-beng, Manager of the Overseas Chinese Bank, at 3:55 p.m. on Monday, appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

They were charged with armed robbery (with Chan Pui and Li Fuk, not in custody) at 33 Nathan Road, first floor, and with possession of a toy pistol, arms and ammunition, and a dagger.

On the application of Det. Sub-Inspector W. J. Wall, accused were remanded for 72 hours in custody.

FILM ON JAPAN

Under the auspices of the Sino-British Club a two-hour colour film entitled "In Occupied Japan" will be shown in the hall of Queen's College, 26 Kennedy Road, by Mr. William Courtney, M.M., F.R.G.S., A.R.A., Esq., Pacific War Correspondent of the London "Sunday Times" and Kenlsey Newspapers, England, and also Aeronautical Correspondent at 5:30 p.m. on Monday.

The accommodation in the hall is limited to 200 and members of the Sino-British Club will be the same for officers and men. The admission would make a donation of the colour and

Filipino Pesos On New Bantamweight

Manila, Dec. 17. Filipinos take their boxing seriously and at the moment are putting their pesos down on young bantamweight Tirso del Rosario to lift Manuel Ortiz's world bantamweight crown in the Rizal Memorial Stadium on the night of December 20.

They like the rangy, 26-year-old Far Eastern University student's string of 22 knockouts or technical knockouts in 24 starts.

Ten of these fights were amateur bouts which lifted Tirso to the featherweight championship of the Philippines.

The odds were three to one that Ortiz would retain his title, but considering the inexperience of his opponent, they were surprisingly low.

Tirso's backers look to him to become the fifth Filipino to win the world title.—Associated Press.

Footballers Urged To Assist Police

Clubs will be severely dealt with if they do not co-operate with the Police to control grounds, decided the full meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association, held in the board room of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank yesterday.

The Hon. A. Morse, president, was in the chair.

Col. Reynolds, on behalf of the Army, said that the Police had since withdrawn the letter to them, as they were in no way to blame.

He asked that this be recorded in the minutes.

All the clubs concerned gave excuses and, at the end, Mr. J. Skinner proposed that a member of the Police force be co-opted to the League Management Committee, as such member would then have full knowledge of what was going on in the Association and could advise on any points.

Mr. Haig Brown was elected.

Several other points in connection with ground and crowd control were discussed.

Election

The following were elected to serve on the Interport committee in connection with the forthcoming interports with Shanghai:

Mr. J. MacKellar, Mr. H. K. Lee, Mr. A. Clarke, Mr. A. Macpherson, and Mr. L. Louey.

At the meeting it was revealed that a sum of over \$2,000 had been donated by clubs to the "Parcels for Britain Fund."

H.K. Trade Statistics

The following will represent I.R.C. in a friendly Cricket game against H.M.S. "Tamar" on Saturday at Sookunpoor.

S.A. Ismail (Captain), A.R. Akbar, A. el Arculi, M.I. Razack, A.K. Ismail, K. Lalchand, K. Nazzir, A.R. Suffad, A.R. Kitchell, Reserve—A.R. Minu.

The following will represent Club de Recreo against the H.K. Garrison XI on Saturday, at Sookunpoor in a friendly Cricket game—Dr. E.L. Gossano (Capt.), A.M. Praia, Jr., A.P. Peleira, Jr., P.M.N. de Silva, Jr., L.G. Gossano, G.N. Gossano, J.M. Gossano, E.A.R. Alves, D.M. Rodriguez, A. Osmundo, L. d'Almada Remedios.

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POPE APPEALS TO ROME FOR PEACE Prays Attacks On Vatican Cease

Vatican City, Dec. 17. Pope Plus told Rome's Mayor and Executive Council today that he hoped the capital would be free from disorders, internal struggle and attacks against the Vatican before the start of the Church's Holy Year in 1950.

It was the Pontiff's first public reference to the Holy Year for which the Vatican has been planning for 12 months.

His audience to Rome's Christian Democrat Mayor Salvatore Rebecchini, and 18 Executive Council men was the first granted by the Pope to freely-elected Roman city officials since 1870.

The Pope said: "We nourish the faith that Rome, thanks to its ancient traditions, to its universal experience and to its Catholic hearts, will be soon in the Holy Year not only as mediator of understanding and of pacification among peoples but also as an example of virtue and of entire harmony and peace."

"Good citizens must contribute, according to their strength, to tranquil work, order, public security, justice and social peace."—United Press.

Far East War Despatches In January?

London, Dec. 16. The Secretary of War, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, expects that British official war despatches relating to operations in the Far East during the earlier part of the war would start being published about the middle of January.

Those relating to the loss of Singapore and the Malacca Peninsula should reach their turn for publication within the following four or five weeks, he added.

Mr. Shinwell gave these despatches in a reply to a question in the House of Commons today.—Reuters.

Crippen's Capturer Dies At 84

Worthing, Dec. 16. Mr. Walter Dew, Chief Inspector of the Criminal Investigation Department, Scotland Yard, who arrested Dr. Crippen in 1910 for murdering his wife in London, died today at his home at the age of 84.

Mr. Dew, who led the hunt for Crippen from the beginning, said in his book "I Caught Crippen" that Crippen's early mistake was dressing Ethel le Neve, his mistress—in Mrs. Crippen's fur. Wristlets was used for the first time to catch a criminal as Mr. Dew pursued Crippen and his mistress.

Aboard the liner Montrose bound for Canada, Captain Kendall became suspicious when he noticed a man and a "boy" apparently wounded on the head, was first discharged on the assault indictment, but was brought into the dock again and sentenced to six weeks for breach of expulsion and recommended for banishment.

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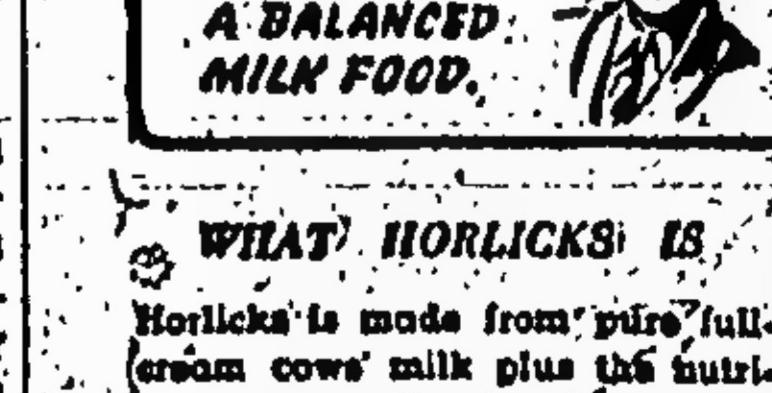
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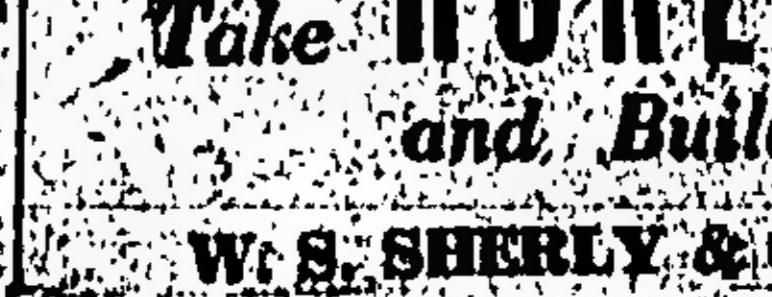


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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1947.

THE CHRISTMAS GLOW Let's Do Our Best To Hold On To It This Year

Christmas is a time of gladness and rejoicing, of faith reborn.

Why then do we let it pass from us so quickly? Can we not do something to help it stay with us longer? We are speaking, of course, not of the outward symbols of Christmas so familiar to all of us, but of its real and inner spirit, which is the very heart of Christmas.

Think back now to last Christmas. Tired though you may have been and worn out physically when the day was over, you were, if only for that one day, a better person. You felt better inside, you tried to make those around you happy and share in the meaning of the occasion. Then came Thursday and much of that wonderful feeling was gone—all of it for some people.

It is said that on December 26 of each year Christmas, for most people, has passed. They have nothing to show but the after-Christmas letdown and the return to old ways. "It was nice while it lasted," they say, "but now let's get on to other things."

How Many?

Why should we let it pass from us so quickly, if at all? Ought we not hold onto that Christmas glow, letting the spirit which fills us and motivates us on this one great day remain with us for many to come?

You remember the familiar words of the Christmas story found in the 19th and 20th verses of Luke's second chapter:

"But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart."

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."

How many people, like Mary, ponder these deep things of

Christmas in their hearts? How many, like the shepherds, return from the church services and the Christmas story, really glorifying and praising God for all the things they have heard and seen?

These feelings of Mary, of the shepherds and of all whose lives were touched by this amazing incident in history—the birth of the Christ child—didn't come to an end with Christmas night, but lived on, making them better people—gloriously happy and filled with a new attitude toward life.

If we want to look upon this whole experience of Christmas as just an exciting, colourful celebration, something we get all steamed up about once a year and pour into a few hectic hours, we might as well forget about it as far as any religious significance is concerned.

But if there is any truth at all—in the premise that there is a living message and strength for us in the Christmas experience, then we too, now in our time, can grasp some of the feeling of Mary and the shepherds.

What It Can Do For Us

Living in the Christmas glow is something we should want to do throughout the year, not just because of the immediate uplift it gives us but because of what it can do for us every day of our lives. Not to live amid the endless trappings and hectic preparations but amid the spirit and message of it; the glorious and thrilling message that a Saviour has come to us, to give us a rebirth of mind and spirit, to save us from the mean and low and degrading things of life and to inspire us to that which is fine and good—to bring into

the world through us a sense of hope, of courage, of inspiration and of faith. If Christmas hasn't meant this to us, then we have lost its meaning and the days ahead may be lacking in joy, faith and power.

Let us keep the glorious message of Christmas glowing within us, shield it, enshrine it to burst into a flame, lighting and warming our lives.

Like the shepherds, we must be anxious and willing to look for Jesus each day. When He does come to us when we find Him, just as with the shepherds, we've got to make that experience the most important thing in our lives.

Eternal Hope

We can go on living in the Christmas glow and have it to cheer us, comfort us, encourage us, uplift us through the year, if we keep alive its spirit of giving to others—the spirit of cheering, helping, of giving ourselves in thought as well as in substance. For it is in such an attitude and spirit that others will see Christmas and its message, its meaning and its eternal hope, living in us.

If we can do these things, the spiritual glow and warmth of Christmas will be ours every day.

But the power of Christmas is not confined to our personal lives, and personal happiness is not our sole reward. That may be our greatest concern in life even though oftentimes it can be quite selfish. But more than this, here in Christmas and its eternal message is the source of power for achieving the kind of world we want and need. We must keep that spirit of Christmas alive and nourish it if we want that world of peace and good will of which the angels sang.



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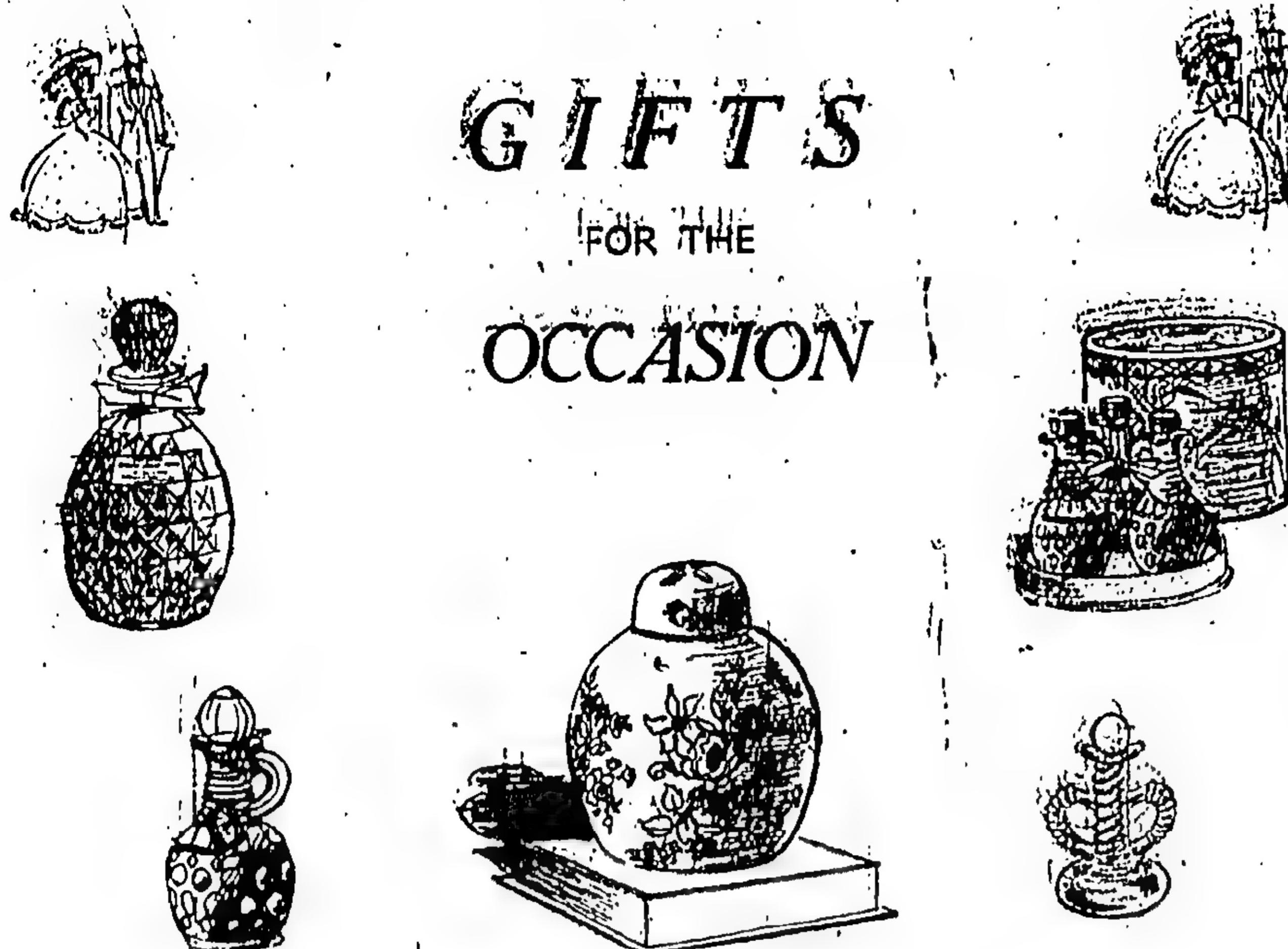
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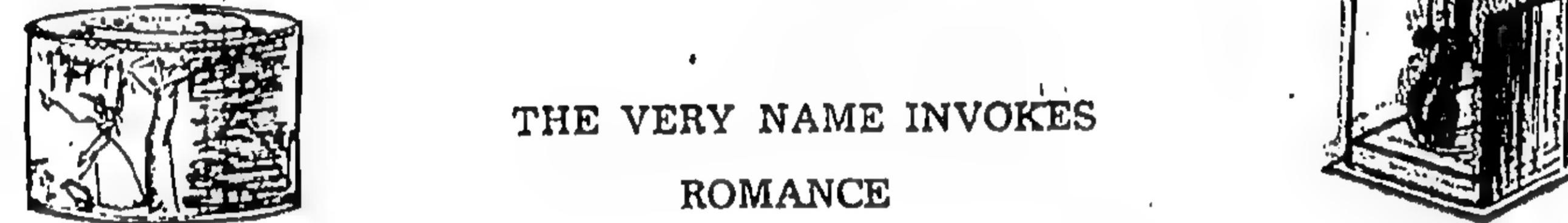
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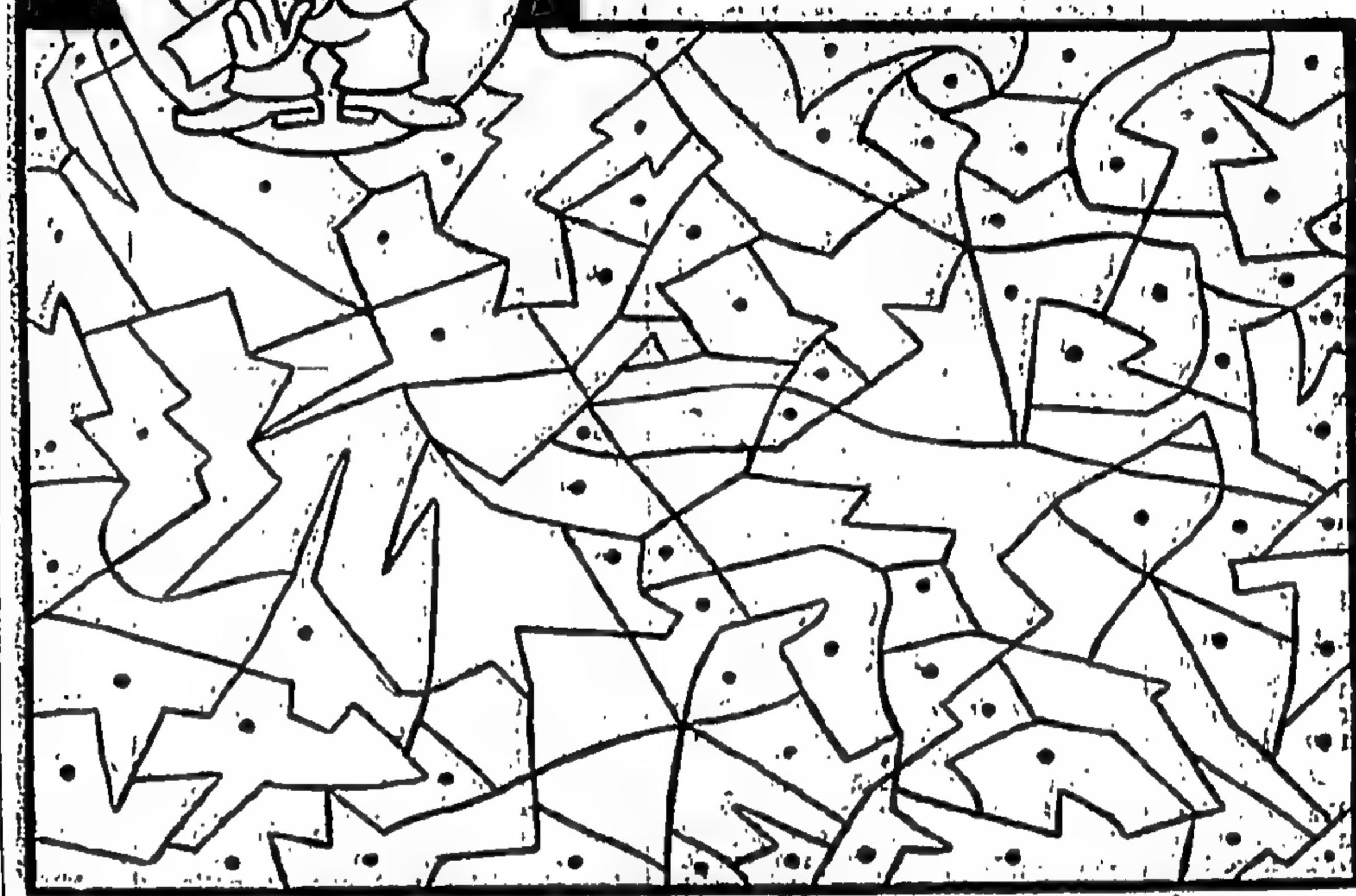
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QUIWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

4. What is the name of a government and a certain food?
5. What is the term for mercy killing of humans?
7. Disraeli became known as "Lord"?
8. What is another name for typhoid?
10. On which Island do immigrants to the USA land?
11. What is the art of painting murals on wet and freshly-painted plaster?
12. Who was Tonio in Pagliacci?
15. What character was portrayed by Margaret O'Brien in "The Lost Angel"?
18. What is the plural term of the size of usual letterhead paper?
19. What name has been given to Tiziano Vecellio, a famous Italian painter?
20. In poultry farming, what is the term for a hen rejected as a non-layer?

Solution on Page Thirteen

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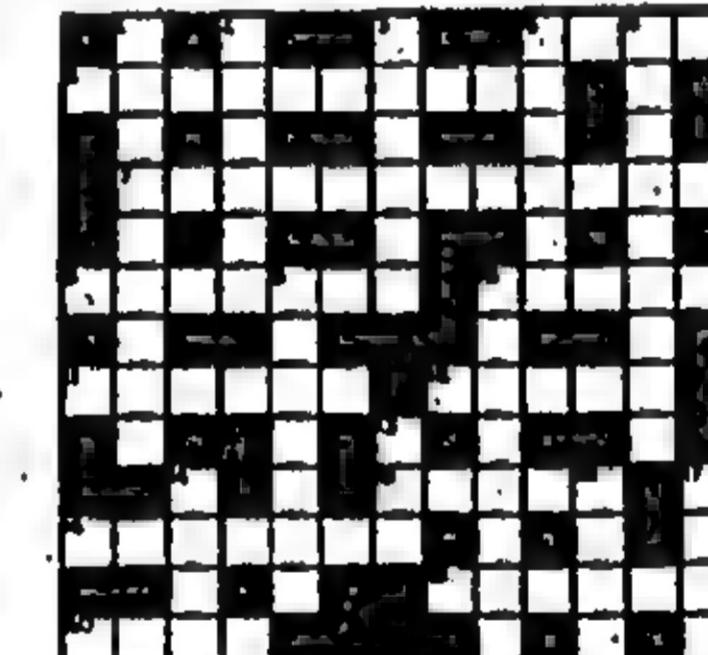
1. What is the business of a farmer?
2. Which region in SE Europe has been divided between Greece, Turkey and Bulgaria?

13. What is French for stop?

14. What is a small two-masted fore-and-aft sailboat?

16. When combined with a metallic oxide, what will form a salt?

17. What does a person do to indicate?



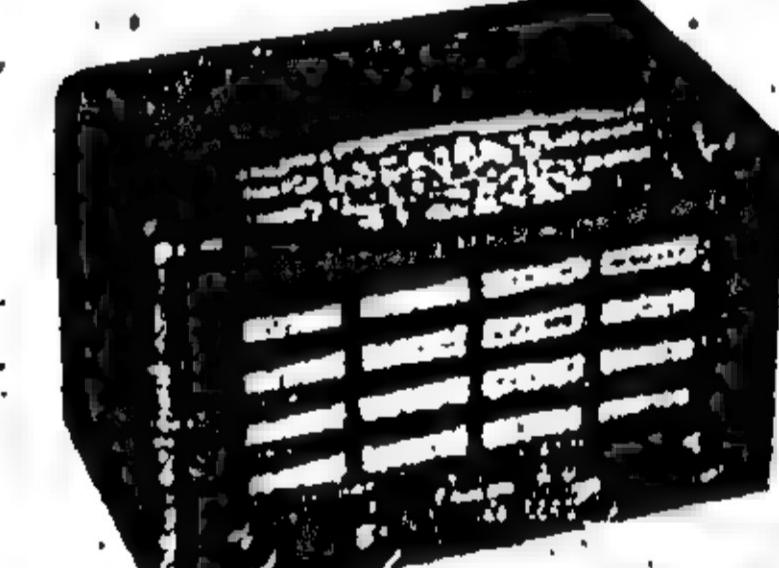
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ABIRD FOR CHRISTMAS

It was late—very late—on Christmas Eve and an anxious little party of people sat round the fire in Mrs. Bloggs' cosy kitchen. Mr. Bloggs was nodding a little sleepily, Ethel, his daughter, was knitting frantically at a woollen waistcoat she was finishing for Christmas, and Mrs. Iggylden, Mr. Bloggs' sister, wondered if she dared suggest putting more coal on the dying fire.

"It's no good expectin' Mordie now," said Mrs. Bloggs after a long silence, "I know all along she'd never manage a bird."

"I've never known Mordie fail yet," said Mordie's Mother stoutly, "Set 'er on to any man you like and she'll get anything she wants out of 'im. If she says she'll get a bird for you, get it she will, if it takes 'er all night."

Mrs. Bloggs shook her head sadly. "I thought a bird 'd go much to 'er," she said mournfully, "And 'er to make the pork go round tummies. I'm sure I don't know. If only we hadn't got 'er foreman comin' to dinner, I mean, a bit of pork would do for us but it's hardly worth layin' before a foreman!"

"Er—she is."

Mr. Bloggs got up rather sleepily as the front door bell rang sharply.

Everyone sat up eagerly as Mordie Iggylden came in rather wearily from the darkness outside.

"Here's your bird," she said. "And I got it for nothin', too!"

She dropped a wicker basket on the table with a thud. From it protruded the limp head of a handsome grey goose.

"For nothin'!" Mrs. Bloggs stared at the bird distrustfully. "What's the matter with it then?"

Mordie, who was tired and rather edgy, looked across at her angrily.

"Go on! Sniff at it!" she said: "go and spend hours making up to a red-headed poultreer so as to get a bird for our Christmas dinner and you start pickin' 'ole in it."

Mr. Bloggs, with whom golden-haired Mordie was a great favourite, put his arms round her shoulders affectionately.

"Your Auntie didn't mean no 'arm, duck," he said. "You done splendid. Tell us 'ow you managed it."

"I know, I've seen 'er at it," said Mordie's proud Mother. "She's just got to look up into a feller's face and flap 'er eyelashes at 'im and 'e's was in 'er hands."

Mordie smiled.

"Men's easy enough to manage," she said. "All you've got to do is to ferret round and find out their weak spot, and you've got 'em. Everybody's got their weak spot. Every man, at any rate."

"And what's the poultreer weak spot? You?" Mrs. Bloggs spoke a little sharply. She could not help reflecting the fact that Mordie's golden radiance put her quiet mouse-like Ethel in the shade.

Mordie grimaced.

"It's all very well for all of you to make fun," she said. "But I ain't 'alf 'ad a job. It's no easy work tryin' to catch the attention of a feller 'on's druv'n' chickens with one 'and, as you might say, and tryin' to save 'imself from bein' clawed to death by angry 'ousewives with the other. What some women'll do for food is amazin'!"

"You must 'ave done somethink pretty drastic yourself to win a goose like that," Mr. Bloggs stroked the limp grey head admiringly.

"I did," Mordie giggled suddenly. "I told 'im—in delicate language, of course—that I'd 'ad a goin' passin' for 'im for months."

"Mordie, you didn't!" Her cousin Ethel's plain face flushed a dull purple with horror.

"I did," Mordie smiled reminiscently. "And I told 'im I was 'e'en forced by my cruel Mum to go out with a man I 'ated because 'e was rich and the greengrocer in 'is own right."

"Oh—Mordie!" Mrs. Iggylden looked reproachfully at her daughter, "As if I 'force you to do anythink."

"I made you out a perfect orgie of a Mother," Mordie panted Mrs. Iggylden's shoulder affectionately. "But I've treated him so off-hand till now that I 'ad to think of some excuse. Even then it took hours to bring 'im round, 'im 'avin' a drop of Scotch in 'is blood on the Mother's side. And then I started droppin' a pathetic picture of me sittin' beside the 'ated greengrocer at Christmas dinner, and yearnin' for my own Highland Laddele. That shook 'im, but I shouldn't have landed the goose even then only for a lucky accident."

"What was that?" Her uncle asked amusedly.

"Well, 'e was givin' a woman some change when 'e suddenly snatched back a 'alfpenny 'e'd given 'er by mistake. Polished quite smooth it was. And all of a sudden it came to me. The man was a 'ove-'alfpenny chappie—adict. So I told 'im 'e'd got the Walworth Wonder comin' to dinner. Showed the finest 'alfpenny for miles around, I said. 'You should've seen 'is eyes!' After that, it was simple. You could tell 'e'd do anything to meet the Walworth Wonder. To get an invite to dinner tomorrow 'e'd 'ave given me a 'alfpenny 'e'd 'ad it."

"But—Mordie, we 'aven't got a 'ove-'alfpenny champion comin' tomorrow," objected Ethel, her eyes round with disapproval.

"I know that," Mordie answered sharply. "But if you'd stood in a cold shop beside a red-headed poultreer for hours you'd 'ave been ready to tell him anythink—same as I was." I shall let 'im think Uncle's Foreman, the champion—and she must all 'elp me to keep 'em apart, that's all."

"I don't see it matters once the bird's ate," Mrs. Bloggs said.

"Couse it does," Mordie said heatedly. "Why, my honour's at stake. If you want the chap to think I'm a liar!"

There was a succulent smell of roasting goose when the poultreer arrived—somewhat early—the following day and Mordie's Mother was told to keep him occupied till the meal was ready.

Huddled into a corner by Mrs. Iggylden who was determinedly shoveling his album after album of shapemans, he glared over her head at the greengrocer who arrived next, dressed, as befit his affluence in a very new suit of rather bright bird."

She could not enjoy the luscious goose and the apple sauce and the stuffing because the avid poultreer's ardent longing for converse with the supposed shov-halfpenny champion kept her constantly on the watch.

She ate her dinner in gulps and felt that a violent fit of indigestion would certainly ensue.

Suddenly, after the pudding, there came a lull in the conversation and the poultreer seized his opportunity.

"Am I r-r-right in thinkin' Srrr—" he began in a louder voice than ever, and Mr. Dibble looked up politely.

Mordie shuddered. Her hour was upon her. She jumped up, ostensibly to reach a bottle of beer and rudely pushed it over. Everybody explained as a stream of amber-coloured liquid poured quickly into Mrs. Dibble's turquoise blue lap.

"Oh Mrs. Dibble, I am sorry!" Mordie cried out. "Come in the scullery and let me sponge it at once!"

She and Ethel accompanied the flustered Mrs. Dibble to the scullery. Mordie breathed a sigh of relief as she sponged the stain with warm water. If the poultreer was going to find her out she would not be there to meet his scornful gaze. She would go to bed, and indeed she felt she was very glad to get there. She was sick of men and never wanted to see one again.

She could hear the poultreer's strident tones floating back from the kitchen.

"Am I r-r-right in thinkin', Mr. Dibble that you are—like myself—a devotee of the noble art of shov-halfpenny?"

Over the head of the tearful Mrs. Dibble Mordie's eyes met Ethel's in mute despair.

"Ush!" came a hoarse whisper from Mr. Dibble. "I suppose you must 've seen me picture in the Walworth Weekly Wire. I beat the Twickenham Tweakster by eight points till all last Tuesday week. But I keep it secret. If the old lady wan't ear of it I'd 'ave showed me last 'alf penny. She don't 'ld with sport!"

Mordie, looking down at Mrs. Dibble dabbing distractedly at her dress, could quite believe it. She herself felt so relieved that she was almost faint. She could have kissed Mr. Dibble—red face, ginger moustache, bald head and all. Ethel was looking at her admiringly over Mrs. Dibble's bent head.

"Owever did you know?" she whispered.

"Ah!" smiled Mordie. "There's a lot of things I know but don't tell."

The next morning, although the stores are crowded with people returning gifts, the manager of the men's shop is very nice.

Luckily he found the same shirt in the right sleeve size. "I haven't done much shopping in men's clothes," Jane tells him. "Madame," he explains. "Let me give you a few hints. Our greatest trouble with women buyers is to exchange if it doesn't fit."

When buying accessories like purses or gloves, note the color of coats and suits with which they will be worn. Some women like large purses while others prefer smaller ones. Note the size and style that seems to appeal to the woman for whom the gift is intended.

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When you give a gift, let it be out of a desire to bring pleasure to the recipient.

Why Buy Gifts for Exchange?



By ROSE ZELIGS

large, and extra large. If you know the size suit a man wears, the clerk can always tell you what size pyjamas or robe to buy. Get the height, weight, and waist-line measurements. Take a pair of your husband's trousers. Carefully measure the waistline. To get the length measure the inseam. Write down the measurements on a card and keep it for future reference. Look in his shoes. Look at his socks to get the exact size. That's all there is to it. He smiles as Jane thanks him.

In the dress department Mom luckily finds her size in the same style dress, but it is often instead of blue. "It's pretty and I like it," she decides. Once she is thankful that her husband is colour-blind. "I'm sorry to trouble you, but my husband still thinks I wear the same size I did when I married him thirty years ago."

The saleswoman nods her head. "I've been in this business for forty years. Nine out of every ten dresses sold to men are returned. They'll say, 'She's about as big as that girl standing over there.' All they want is to take box home, with the privilege of exchange if it doesn't suit."

I was informed by various department stores that wrong size is the chief reason for returning gifts. Next to size is colour.

"When you spot some exciting ornament or attractive picture, it's fun to surprise your friend with a gift. But will it fit in with Virginia's home furnishings? When in doubt, buy a size larger."

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Christmas

To Be Televised

Novelties and old favourites will be combined in Britain's television programme this Christmas so as to appeal both to the regular army of viewers and the great influx of newcomers and Christmas guests who may be "seeing" radio for the first time. The festivities really begin on Sunday, December 21 with a Christmas Children's Hour introducing Puppet Variety and a Christmas story. Children of all ages will be catered for on the same evening with a full-length version of "Toad of Toad Hall", the Kenneth Grahame fantasy.

The Christmas spirit will gather strength on Monday, December 22 with a Christmas cartoon programme and an all-conjuring session arranged by the Magicians' Circle. Next day the Gem will be Christmas cookery before the cameras, illustrated hints for the much harassed housewife, arranging decorations and the Christmas dinner; there will also be a musical programme by Gerald and his Concert Orchestra—the largest musical combination (45 players) that can be accommodated in the television studios.

On Christmas Eve the outstanding item will be the ancient Coventry Nativity Play, said to be 700 years old, which in its long history has been performed in churches, travelling theatre booths, farmhouses, barns and quite recently in the crypt of the blitzed cathedral of Coventry.

On Christmas Day one of the television mobile units will be operating at the famous "Star and Garter" Home for Wounded Ex-Servicemen at Richmond, near London, where the men have their factory for the commemorative poppies which are sold each year on Armistice Day. Nat Allen, one of the most popular of television doctors, and his team of lepers, will be there with his Orchestra to accompany the men and their wives in a Song Session after Christmas dinner.

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FOR THE HOME

HOW TO HAVE FUN AT A PARTY

You're invited to a party—a wonderful Christmas party the very thought of which makes you practically perish with joy—but at the same time you are also practically perishing with fright. You're afraid because you have no confidence in yourself. Oh, yes, you can think of the cleverest things to say and the most interesting ways to act but always too late—after the party is over. So now you are invited to this big holiday party and the closer the wonderful night approaches, the more frightened you become.

Well, that's not sensible. Don't be afraid. Just be your own sweet self—be natural.

Don't dress like a siren if you are not the siren type. Wear clothes that are right for you. The best remedy for that fluttery feeling in the pit of your tummy is the mirror's assurance that you look your very best.

When you choose your dress be sure that its colour and lines do the most for you, that the skirt covers your knees and allows plenty of freedom for dancing. Put it on and wear it for a little while at home several times before the big occasion, so that you will know just how it looks and how it feels. And then when you get to the party forget about your dress and concentrate on your partner. Remember that the simpler the style, the better, because you want Joe to admire you and not your dress.

Angellic

You may look your most angellic with curls piled high atop your head, providing that they stay flat, but don't pile it on top of your head when you know it looks best and you look best when it's well-brushed gleaming lengths fall about your shoulders. But it is going to be long and flowing make sure it flows on you, not in everyone else's face and eyes! Curling the ends will give them body, help keep them in place. Use a touch of lacquer at strategic spots. Wear gay ornaments to anchor unruly tresses.

Don't strive for a garish glamour puss, but do take into consideration the fading effect of artificial lights. Use deeper shades than for ordinary street



wear. And give your dancemate a break by applying make-up so it stays where it belongs on your face, not on his jacket. Use a brush for your lipstick, blot with tissues and then dab on a bit of face powder. Use a trunty make-up base, such as cake. And press on powder, instead of patting or rubbing. Finally, after you've put on this lovely face go over it completely with a cotton pad which has been wrung out in cold water. This really "sets" the make-up.

Nothing charms the boys like a sweet fragrance. And that works two ways—first what you do with them, then what you add. A bath just before the big event? Well, natch. And don't risk spoiling your fun for spelling your gown) with—ugh! but we might as well say it—underarm perspiration. Guard your bath-freshness with good anti-perspirant for underarm, try one of the new deodorant elixires as an all-over body rub. Finally put a drop of perfume behind each ear, at the temples, wrists and on the underhem of your skirt.

Let's Pretend

Let's pretend now that you've done all that; you know you look right because you feel right. But problems are still springing up around you.

You know that you're part of a party and a very important part. But somehow you're never able to bring that great important you out into the open. You feel as though you were a bunch of joints and bones sticking out at the wrong places.

Someone asks you to dance. But, woe is you, you're not a very good dancer. Forget that then. Just let yourself go. Don't look down at your feet to see if they're following you. Let your feet take you. Rest your hand lightly in your partner's and let him lead you. Forget that arm that wants to tell him what to do; follow him. Get the rhythm of the music and try not to think of anything else. If you do step on your partner's toe, please forget it, blush, laugh at yourself and hell laugh with you.

That dance is over and he is gone, leaving you standing quite alone. You get a frantic feeling

inside of you as though the very floor were falling down, down, with you. Beware

Then someone else wanders by and you start frantically talking to him. You find yourself saying things which you wouldn't dream even of thinking were you not so nervous and upset. You talk about the guests, cattily.

If you take some of these tips, you'll find yourself having one whole of a good time at that Christmas party.

Why We Celebrate Christmas

By Katherine Anne Porter

When she was five years old, my niece asked me again why we had celebrated Christmas. She had asked when she was three and when she was four, and each time had listened with a shining, believing face, to the songs and gazing enchanter at the pictures which I displayed as proofs of my stories. Nothing could have been more convincingly set in effect the following:

The feast in the beginning was meant to celebrate with joy the birth of a Child, an event of such importance to this world that angels sang from the skies in human language to announce it and even, if we may believe the old painters, came down with garlands in their hands and danced on the broken roof of the stable where He was born.

"Poor baby," she said, disregarding the angels, "didn't His papa and mama have a house?" They weren't quite so poor as all that, I went on, slightly dashed, for last year the angels had been the centre of interest. His papa and mama were able to pay taxes at least, but they had to leave home and go to Bethlehem to pay them, and they could have afforded a room at the inn, but the town was crowded because everybody came to pay taxes at the same time. They were quite lucky to find a manger full of clean straw to sleep in. When the baby was born, a good-hearted servant girl named Bertha came to help the mother. Bertha had no arms, but in that moment she unexpectedly grew a fine new pair of arms and hands, and the first thing she did with them was to wrap the baby in swaddling clothes. We then sang together the song about Bertha—the armless servant. Thinking I saw a practical question dawning in a pure gray eye, I hurried over to the part about how all the animals—cows, calves, donkeys, sheep—

"And pigs?"

Even Pigs
Pigs perhaps even had knelt in a ring around the baby and breathed upon Him to keep Him warm through His first hours in this world. A new star appeared and moved in a straight course toward Bethlehem for many nights to guide three kings who came from far countries to place important gifts in the straw beside Him: gold, frankincense and myrrh.

"What beautiful clothes," said the little girl, looking at the picture of Charles the Seventh of France kneeling before a meek blonde girl and a charming baby. It was the way some people used to dress. The Child's mother, Mary, and His father, Joseph, a carpenter, were such unworldly simple souls they never once thought of taking any honour to themselves, nor of turning the gifts to their own benefit. "What became of the gifts?" asked the little girl.

Nobody knows, nobody seems to have paid much attention to them; they were never heard of again after that night. So far as we know, those were the only presents anyone ever gave to the Child while He lived. But He was not unhappy. Once He caused a cherry tree, in full fruit to bend down one of its branches so low that His mother could more easily pick the cherries. We then sang about the cherry tree until we came to the words, Then spake old Joseph, so rude and unkind,

"Why are ye unkind?"

I thought perhaps he was just in a cross mood.

"What was he cross about?"

"Dear me, what should I say now? After all, this was not my daughter, whatever would her mother answer to this?" I asked her. In sure what she was cross about when she was cross, she said, "She couldn't remember ever myself, for once, completely alienated."

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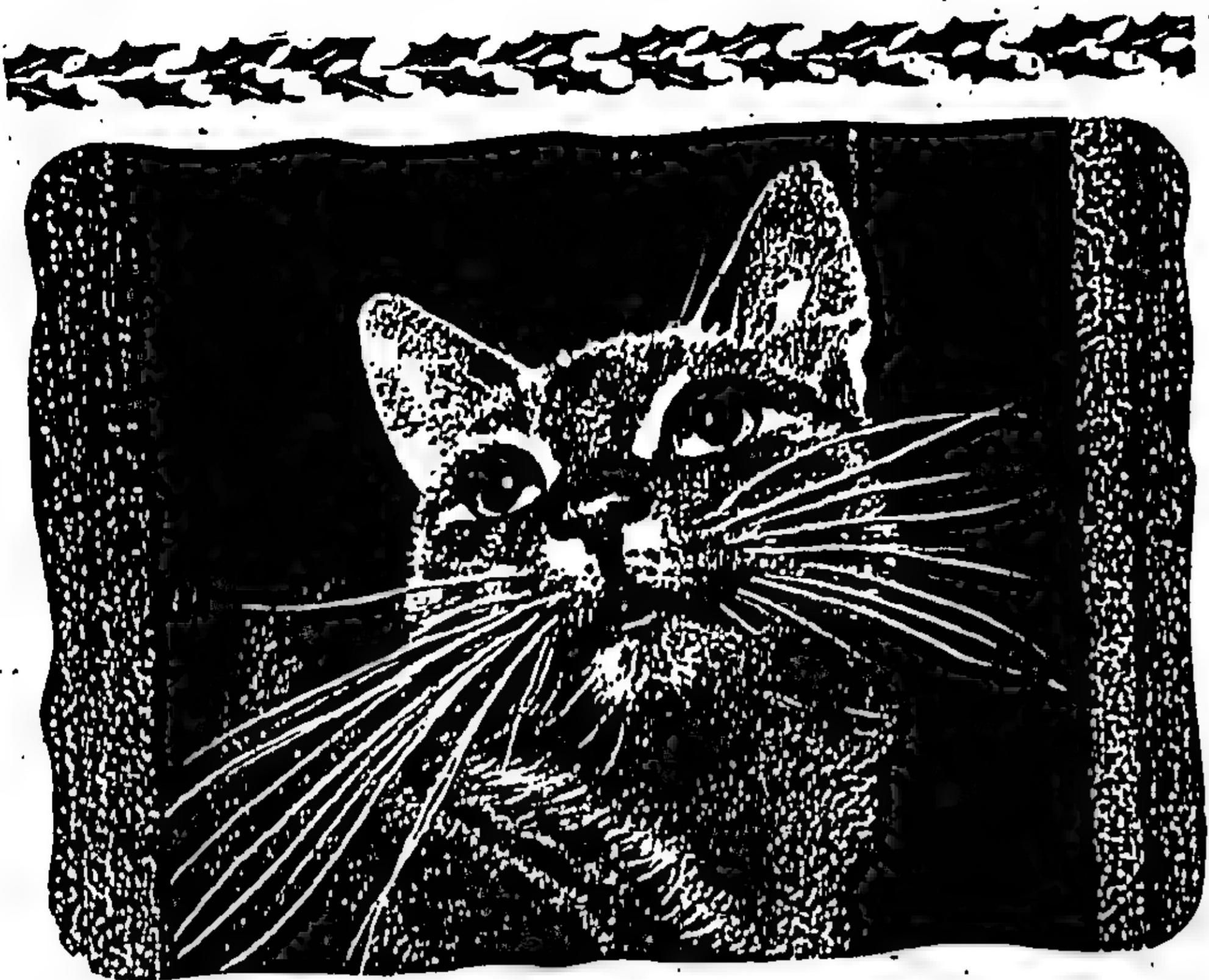
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DRUSILLA A CHRISTMAS STORY

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process. "Yesterday I got up to overs and unders. You want a turn?"

Eta Mae hesitated.

"Where'd you go yesterday?" Nelle queried. "We hooked from the ice wagon. I saved you a piece. But it got drippy, so I ate it. Where'd you go?"

Eta Mae had an impulse to tell Nelle. Tell it all. Spill it out. The whole of it, but she discarded the notion immediately. The crime was too heinous. And Nelle could hold it over her until she died. And, besides, Drusilla was hers—that is, until she took her back like she'd promised—not for anybody else to go missing with.

"You go to the park?" Nelle pressed.

"None of your business," Eta Mae said.

"Well!" Nelle snapped. "If I'd thought you was going to act so stuck-up I wouldn't of went out of my way to speak to you at all!"

"Nobody asked you to!" Eta Mae retorted.

"You think you're smart, don't you?"

"Not half as smart as you think you are!"

"I don't care where you went! I don't care beans if you went there and never came back! You went there to grass for all of me, Eta Mae Logdon!"

"Oh, shut up!"

"Shut up, yourself! You're a you-know-what, and you eat leavings!"

That does it, Eta Mae thought. I won't speak to her again, ever!

Nevertheless, in her heart, Eta Mae knew she had been at fault. She refused to acknowledge it.

What did she care? She had Drusilla. Drusilla was worth ten Nellies. A hundred. Drusilla was worth anything. Of course, she had sworn to take her back and she would, so she would. But she hadn't said when. Tomorrow would be soon enough. Tomorrow after school, she argued with her nagging conscience, would be plenty soon enough.

Mondays came and went. And Tuesdays. And Wednesday. And at the close of each day, Eta Mae renewed her pledge to return Drusilla—tomorrow.

The days however, had taken their toll. The furtive secrecy, so vitally necessary, had become a tortuous labyrinth paved with fibs that varied from light gray to a deep jet black. Her culpability was an ever-increasing pressure. She was hang-didden and beset.

Sunday was on its way.

Wednesday night she awakened, sobbing, from a fearful dream.

Thursday it rained. Furthermore, she had to stay in after school and, walking home, she was convoyed by Mrs. O'Toole. And she forgot, her rubbers, leaving them in the cloak-room, and her feet were aching, and her mother not only wouldn't let her go out again but punished her for being sassy. What was infinitely worse, her father gave her a talking to when he came home, and as a crowning touch she was sent upstairs to bed without any supper for thumbing her nose when she thought her parents weren't looking.

"I don't know what's gotten into you lately," her mother said, pulling Eta Mae's nightgown over her head. "It seems to me—here, bend your elbows, how do you expect—And take that look off your face. Kneel down there and say your prayers."

Eta Mae knelt and made a plow tent of her hands.

"I said to say your prayers."

"I am saying them."

"Well, say them out loud, and all things considered, I think you can commence with a good Act of Contrition."

"Oh, my God," Eta Mae began, "I'm terribly sorry for having offended Thee. I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven in the—'n the—"

"And the pains of—" her mother prompted.

"And the pains of—" Eta Mae swallowed.

"And the pains of hell."

"And the pains of—of—" Eta Mae's voice faltered and broke. She burst into tears.

Friday was leaden and damp. Leaden and damp, it swung a fatal, suspended weight above Eta Mae's head, and it grew heavier and heavier as the day progressed. It went dizzyingly fast. Lessons, recess, lunch hour, with her sandwiches going down in dry, uncheerful hunks, more lessons—and, throughout it all, the frantic ticking of the clock on Sister's desk. Before it seemed possible, there was the final flurry of corrected papers, the hurried dusting of the chalk, erasers, the homework assignment, and the loud brrrrring of the bell in the corridor-like a sentence of death from which there was no reprieve.

Wretched, miserable, slow-footed, Eta Mae started home. The way was all too short, despite her lagging step. In front of Parker's, was a doll's leg. It wore a white kid shoe. As in a trance, Eta Mae stooped and picked it up. Her eyes flew ahead to the vacant house.

A moment later, crawling under the porch, she very nearly screamed.

She cast one horrified glance at Drusilla's scattered remains—and, scrabbling out crab-wise, she ran blindly, wildly, for sanctuary.

Her mother was in the kitchen. She sat Eta Mae in a chair and wiped her face with a cold cloth. She held her hands and, piece by piece, drew the truth from her. She straightened. "Stay here," she said. "I'll be back directly." She untied her apron, hung it on the hook, took a shopping bag, and left.

When she returned there was a cobweb in her hair, and a smudge on her nose. The shopping bag was loaded with Drusilla's grisly corpus.

"All right," she said. "Go on up stairs and wash."

"A million questions framed itself in Eta Mae's mind.

"We're going to see about it," her mother told her. "There's nothing else to do."

"You mean—mean—"

"I meant exactly what I said. Go wash."

Walking up the driveway that led to the sprawling veranda of the birthday-cake house, Eta Mae felt herself getting smaller and smaller. When her mother knocked with the big brass knocker, she sent an ardent prayer soaring heavenwards that a bolt of lightning would fork from the oppressive sky and frizzle her to a crisp.

The door opened. A maid—right out of the movies!—wearing a black dress, an apron the size of a handkerchief, and a frilly cap to match, said, "Yes?" From the way she said it, Eta Mae could tell she didn't think they amounted to much.

Instead of asking for the lady of the house, Eta Mae's mother drew a card from her purse and extended it. The card was faintly yellowed, but spidery-thin engraving sloped across it.

"Mrs. Logdon calling," she said. "It is quite important."

Eta Mae goggled at her mother in astonishment. Could this be her mother—this cool, dignified person in the familiar costume and the birdie feather hat? And calling cards! Engraved calling cards!

The door opened to its full extent. "Won't you step inside, please?"

They were led to two high-backed chairs—like thrones—in the entrance hall. The maid clicked away, bearing the magic card on a silver tray, to reappear with the information that Mrs. Logdon was down.

Eta Mae sat, with dangling feet, taking in her surroundings: the airy, spiraling staircase, the white, white woodwork, the gleaming waxy table, the immense vase as big as an Ali Baba jar, the room beyond with its panels of mirrors and elegant furniture, and two sets of curtains at each window, and a velvet carpet.

There was a rustle on the staircase, imitating her mother's example. Eta Mae stood up and awaited the inexorable approach of Doom. She gasped, open-mouthed. Doom was wearing a pair of black satin trousers, a blouse with sleeves like bat's wings, twinkly slippers with bat's wings, and a crimson sash kind of thing, and her fingernails were the color of ox-blood shoe polish. Around Doom's middle, which was so flat, it was a wonder her insides weren't mashed, was a crimson sash kind of thing, on the order of a baby's belly-binder, wound around and around and around until it was all pleatly-looking.

"Mrs. Carruthers," Eta Mae's mother said, the name poised like a question.

"Yes. You're Mrs. Logdon? Was there something you wanted?"

"Yes," her mother said. "It's about a doll—"

They moved into the room beyond and drifted from view.

"Hello!"

Eta Mae pivoted. She and the girl who, apparently, had arrived by way of the banister, contemplated one another speculatively.

"I'm nine," the girl said. "How old are you?"

"Seven-and-a-half-going-on-eight."

"Is that your shopping-bag?"

Eta Mae nodded.

"What's in it?"

"Drusilla."

"Oh," the girl said. There was a small pause. "What's it do?"

"Nothing. It's—it's dead."

"Can I see it? Please."

Before Eta Mae could stop her, she skipped over to the shopping-bag and began examining its contents.

"You said it was a drug-store," she said disappointedly. "And that it was dead."

"That was its name. Drusilla. It was a doll, and it is dead."

"I don't like dolls. I have about umpteen and I don't like any of them!" She grew thoughtful. "But I've never had a dead one."

Eta Mae took a deep breath.

"I guess maybe you have now," she said. "Because it's your doll. I—I swiped it and I was going to bring it back, but Wallace Parker killed it while I was in school."

"It's mine!"

"Uh-huh. It was in its prism and—"

"Oh I know. It was that old Evelyn doll, when we moved in."

"Who's Wallace Parker?"

"He's an idiot, lives in our block."

"A really, truly idiot?"

"Uh-huh. I know he's the one who killed it because—"

"How does he act?"

"Scary."

"How scary?"

"Just about as scary as there is."

"Well, how?"

"Like this!" Eta Mae wagged her head and twirled, and swivelled her eyeballs in their sockets.

Her companion shivered. Delighted with admiration illuminated her serious little face. "Do it again!"

Eta Mae complied.

"Gee!"

"You try it," Eta Mae said, magnanimously. "Go ahead. It's easy."

"You watch and tell me if I look scary enough. Hero goes!"

"Oh you do!" Eta Mae cried.

"You look dreadful!"

"Do I really?"

"Honest!"

"Let's go out into the yard," suggested Eta Mae's new-found ally.

There, the two squatted by a swingy bush, engaged in digging a small, rather lop-sided grave—with spoons.

"She's the image of you," Mrs. Carruthers said, from the terrace.

She called to the children and, a moment later, was enveloped in a whirlwind of arms and legs.

"Lieel!" she protested. "For the love of heaven. Calm down."

"This is Eta Mae," Livia said, catching Eta Mae's hand and hopping about. "You know that Evelyn was well, the wife's missing in the

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How do you display the Christmas cards your family receives? We put up what we call "the silver clothesline." Silver ribbon is stretched across the room high enough so as not to interfere with holiday traffic. Cards are hung on it by means of clothespins, painted in gilt or colors.

Wrapping gifts can be a chore—an art—or a chance for antics. At our house, when we tire of being arty, we go in for comics. Some of the children's gifts are wrapped in bright new funny papers. Or we wrap them in plain tissue, pasting comic strips across the corners. Last year we had fun packing boxes for distant relatives by lining all the cartons with funny papers. This was the tip-off to the idea, uncle, grandmas and cousins to expect something different. And they got it, because we didn't tag or label a single package! Instead, we cut out appropriate pictures and phrases from magazines and pasted these on the gifts, or clues. For instance, Grandpa, who is fat, bald and fond of cigars, had his packages spattered with ads for reducing pills, hair tonic, and big black soaps. If you use plenty of bright ribbon and bobby pins, the beauty and flavor of Christmas is maintained even though the packages are amusing.

How do you keep track of who sends what, so you can properly thank the giver later? With three children and countless scattered relatives, this was always a problem for us until we hit upon the idea of a Christmas secretary. Each year we appoint someone in our group to write down what the gifts are—and from whom—as they are unwrapped. This saves a lot of confusion later.

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Mystery Star of the Three Wise Men

By John Cahill

His Star in the East! The magnificent, incomparable, inexplicable flash of glory and timeless beauty in a sable sky that in many centuries ago led the Magi to the Cradle of Christ in Bethlehem and still stands today as a challenge to the world of science.

To countless millions throughout the ages the Holy Star has remained what it was that joyous night in Judea—a miraculous message from on high. On each succeeding Christmas the star has appeared again to them in their imagination or in their inner consciousness. They are satisfied that it shone as a beacon light to salvation when the world cried aloud for a saviour.

And each succeeding Christmas the scientists try again to make up their minds whether it was indeed a miracle or something as comparatively prosaic as an exploding star, a conjunction of planets or a comet.

Science's Admission

For while science admits that miracles have occurred and will occur again, the mind steeped in logarithms and "Q. E. D." must perforce seek after the whys and whereforens.

Each day during the Christmas season the scientists seek to recreate the heavens, as they shone on the night of the Nativity. There is some documentary evidence to show that three brilliant planets were in conjunction on that "Silent Night, Holy Night."

What is known from the Scriptures and the legends dear to Christianity is that the Magi, the Wise Men of the East, torn with anguish by the brutal tyrannies exacted by Herod upon their people, waited with anxious eyes the appearance of some message from Heaven to tell them that Christ had been born.

Suddenly this great star or conjunction of planets appeared in the eastern sky, lighting up the bowl of black above their heads, with an elongated radius and calling from far Chaldea, Persia, and Arabia the Wise Men who knew that the signal so long awaited had come at last.

Toward this mystic light and toward Bethlehem they turned their steps, carrying frankincense and myrrh and gifts of untold value for the Son of God.

The passage of 20 centuries has not sufficed to dispel the mystery and wonder of this magnificent star, but in all justice to science it must be admitted that the "wise men" of a later day lost little time in attempting to probe this greatest of all celestial phenomena. Dr. Clyde Fisher of the Hayden Planetarium, who admits that the conjunction theory is at least worthy of intensive study, says:

"This triple conjunction of Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, is one of the rarest of celestial events. It happens only once in every 800 years. The next one is due early in the 25th century. So scientists will have to wait a while before they can test the theory in the heaven itself."

But by means of lenses and photographic plates that are worth their weight in gold, the Hayden scientists are able to reproduce upon the Planetarium's artificial sky a creditable facsimile of the event supposed to have occurred upon the first Christmas eve, and in so doing are able to put in the test a theory advanced originally in the 17th century by Johannes Kepler, one of the earliest of the world's great astronomers.

Kepler ran his calculations back after reviewing the extraordinary conjunction and found that it had taken place before in 799 ad. and in December of the year 7 B.C. Modern investigation has disclosed that the year of the birth of Christ does not correspond to the year 1 of our era.

By fixing the date of the death of Herod it became possible to date many New Testament events and to fix the year of the first Christmas. This has proved to be 7 B.C.

The conjunction appeared in the constellation Pisces, or Fishes, a sign of the Zodiac then of special significance to the Jews. Kepler, alive to Judea's expectation of a Messiah, concluded it would be entirely logical for the Magi to interpret this celestial phenomenon as the awaited signal and to start out on their biblical journey forthwith.

Theory Exploded

Kepler's theory stood up fairly well until Professor Ideler of Berlin came along and in 1826 showed that the three planets were at no time in absolute conjunction ruling out the possibility of them appearing as a single star. Then came geographers who proved that there were no roads or negotiable thoroughfares prevailing at the time that would enable the Wise Men to travel to Bethlehem and keep the star in front of them for any length of time.

So the world of science was ripe and ready for some new explanation when Prof. R. A. Proctor propounded the theory that the Star of Bethlehem was really a comet.

This seemed to account for some discrepancies until men learned in scientific lore pointed out that the ancients all feared comets as harbingers of evil and as retribution for sins done on earth—hardly the signal of the saviour's arrival.

Then came the most beautiful and poetic "explanation" of all—that the Star of Bethlehem was a "nova" or an exploding star, one of those incredibly glorious phenomena of the heavens created when two cold, dead bodies of the upper atmosphere collide in space at 400 miles a second and set loose the pyrotechnic gases buried in their interior.

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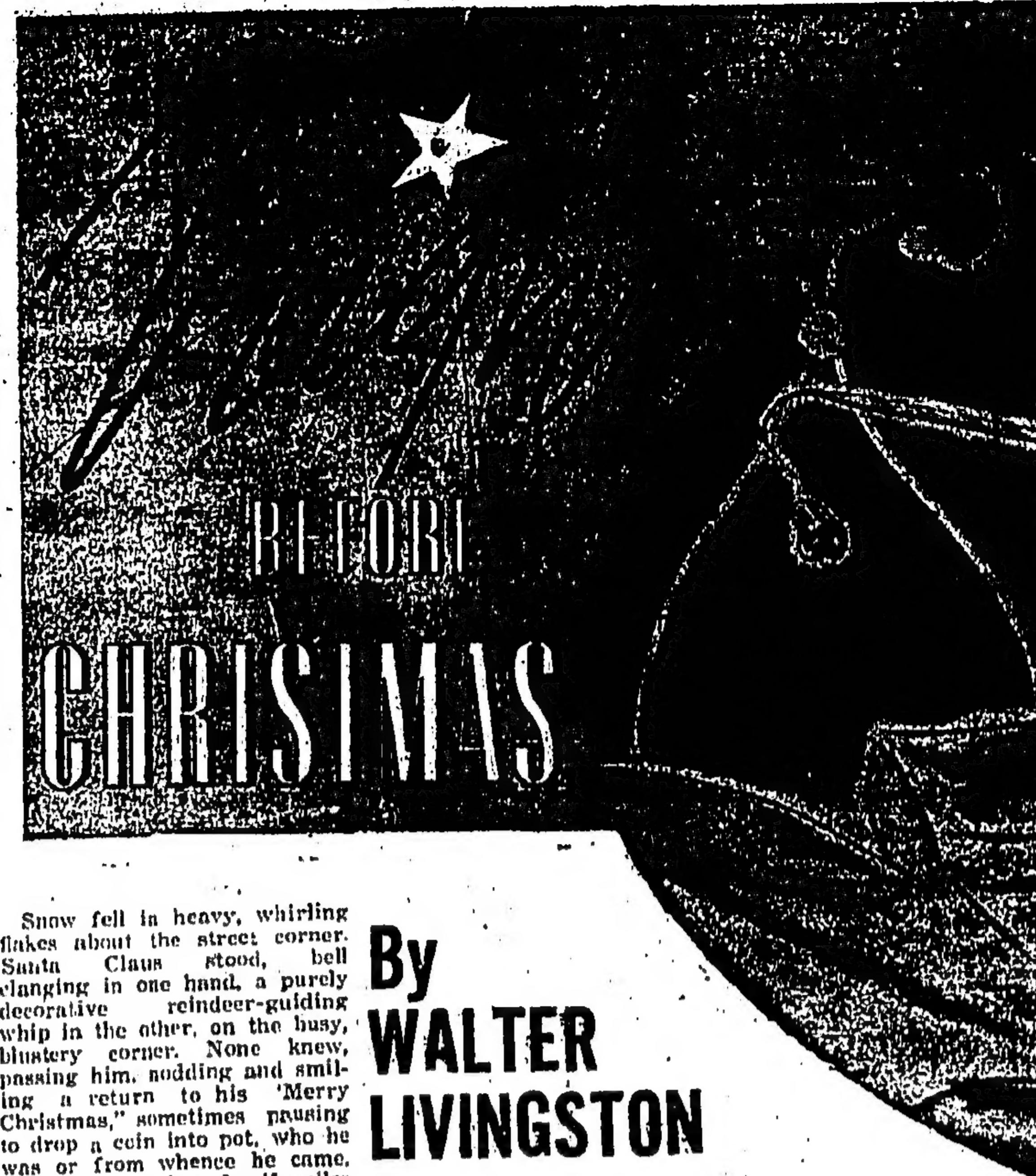


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Snow fell in heavy, whirling flakes about the street corner. Santa Claus stood, bell clanging in one hand, a purely decorative reindeer-gilding whip in the other, on the busy, blustery corner. None knew, passing him, nodding and smiling return to his "Merry Christmas," sometimes pausing to drop a coin into pot, who he was or from whence he came. Few cared. Only a family miles away—a wife, child, a grey-haired mother—wondered where he was, what had happened to him, why he had gone away.

Nick Tierney knew he should do that which he told himself he could not do—go home. As he stood now at this cold, blustery corner, the bell clanging in his hand, feeling lost and absurd in this Holiday guise, he was aware of Nick's, Jr., childish laughter; he saw his mother's eyes before him, wet, appealing.

Dr. Nicholas Tierney could not go home. Not until he had made good, at something else. Or not, at least, until he had money. "It's better," he muttered, "to wait, I can get money. There are many ways of getting it, fast. In such a big city. If one isn't too particular," he added, grimly. He'd been telling himself this for almost a year.

No, he couldn't go back. A doctor held responsible for bungling an easy operation could never go back. Not once he'd quit. And that's what the brilliant young surgeon, Dr. Nicholas Tierney, had done. Quit. Quiet in silent, bitter anger, in shocked, hurt bewilderment. Quiet when perhaps he could have remained and fought. Fought not openly—ethics wouldn't allow for that. Ethics wouldn't allow for the protege to publicly place the blame where it belonged: On the master surgeon who was aging, whose hand wasn't as steady that morning as it should have been, who'd bit the scalpel a fraction of an inch too deep... then coolly indicated for Dr. Tierney to take over. Fortunately, the patient survived.

No, ethics wouldn't allow for an accusation, an open fight. He might have stayed and fought quietly. In time perhaps he'd have been able to prove himself, his innocence, his ability, and removed the questioning, calculating look from the eyes of his colleagues. But the battle, then, had seemed too hard, too long, too worthless. If it's like this, he's reasoned bitterly, I'm through. I'll do something else.

He left a note for Marie and came here to be swallowed up in this big city. Here he found there was little a man of medicine could do who was no longer a man of medicine. What money he'd come away with was gone, had been gone for weeks; he'd sought a job in the department store before which he now stood at just the moment they'd decided to put a Santa out front.

"Hey, Bo!" He swung half-around.

"Merry Chris—"

"Save it, Bo. I'm the one that's playing Santa, maybe." The man went through the motion of dropping a coin into the Welfare pot. "Want to make yourself some Christmas money?"

Dr. Tierney frowned, kept ringing the bell.

"I ain't got much time. If you don't wanta do it, I'll get the guy on the next block, see?" The voice was low and raspy-like, like the face. "There's some stuff in a house up on The Avenue that I want. I know the layout and I got the combination to the safe. All you have to do is walk in and walk out with it. They'll all be in another part of the house, trimming the tree, as they do every Christmas Eve. The kids'll be

asleep upstairs. It's a cinch. Dressed in that outfit makes it easy, easy and no risk hardly. If anyone should bump into you're playing Santa Claus, see? Bring the stuff out to me and it's worth five hundred bucks."

"Five hundred!—"

"That's right. Well, what do you say, Bo?"

Why not? Easy and practically without risk. This individual would get him in to the right room. Then—just walk across, open the safe and walk out. "All right. I'm through here at eight."

"I know it," the man said. "I've been watching you for two days. Meet me at nine at the corner of The Avenue on this side of the street. I'll pick you up."

He nodded. "Very well, I'll be there." The man went off.

The snow fell more quickly. Nick Tierney's gaze settled for a moment, lingeringly, on the blunt grey structure which was the Mid-Town Hospital. He tore his eyes away. Soon he would receive a larger fee than he'd ever received before for an operation.

If you do it you'll never be able to go back, never!

He laughed, harshly, low in his throat. "I don't want to go back. I'll bring them here."

The corner at which he was to meet the man was not too far from the cheap rooming house where Nick lived and he decided rather than go to a restaurant dressed as he was he'd follow his usual routine and return to his room. There he would lie down and rest a minute.

Moving cross-town he deliberately what he'd do when it was over. He'd have a couple of Yuletide drinks, and dine in style. Then he'd do some Christmas shopping of his own, for Marie and Nickie and his mother. He might even send for them to come to him, now, spending Christmas Day with him in the city, maybe keep them here.

Strangely, there seemed small pleasure in the thought of buying the gifts he'd decided upon, and his half-formed plan of bringing his family here to him, for even a day, had perished by the time he'd reached the place where he lived.

He held the bell and the gay reindeer whip in one hand and opened the house with the other. The bell tinkled as he moved along the hall. At the steps the landlady was in conversation with a bespectacled young man.

"No, she's worse, Mrs. McCarthy," Nick heard the young man say wearily, as he approached. "I've done everything I can. The cramps will come tonight. If only we could get her to sleep her chances would be so much better."

"Now what a pity!" The landlady sighed deeply. "And she such a nice and pretty little mite, too. Sometimes it seems she goes like a Lord."

"Top of the evening to you, Mr. Temple, and a Merry Christmas to be sure!"

"Merry Christmas," Nick murmured. In return, he went up the stairs, his boots clattering on the hard wood, the bell tinkling lightly.

He took off the mittens and the Kris Kringle hat and the whiskers, washed while the soup slowly heated over the side.

gas jet the range boasted. Some talk of a sick child in the house had filtered through to him but he hadn't paid much attention. Now it seemed the youngster was worse. That bespectacled young man was the doctor, of course.

Grippe pneumonia, probably. Yes, sleep-deep, regular, peaceful sleep—was often a deciding factor in such cases.

He was finishing the soup when there was a knock at the door. In response to his "Come in," the young man entered. "I'm Doctor Morton." His voice was tired, harried. "I've been attending the Jensen child, Anita, down the hall. Been with her all day. She's bad. Pneumonia. If I could get her to sleep she'd have a chance."

Nick kept looking at the weary face, realizing exactly what young Dr. Morton was going through. Tough!

"She's been asking for Santa Claus. Before, when she heard the bell—well, I wasn't in there but the parents say she thought it was Santa coming to see her. It was a disappointment when he was a disappointment when he was, man, what I'm trying to say is will you wear your suit in there and play Santa Claus? I've tried everything else. It can't do any harm, that's certain. And it might do the trick."

Dr. Nicholas Tierney's gaze travelled from the drawn face to the noisy alarm clock ticking on the wall. Twenty of nine, it read. "I was just leaving. I have to be—back on the job at nine."

"A minute or two will suffice. I'd be ever so grateful, and her family eternally so, if it works."

"All right. A minute or two." He got up and stood in front of the mirror, alixed the whiskers, put on the red cap with the white ball atop it, drew on the mittens, picked up the whip and bell.

He closed the door behind him and now he did those things he had done as a Santa Claus the last two Christmases at home in Eastchester, playing the role he had played, it for Nickie, Jr. He stomped about, rang the bell constantly, lightly, called out in a deep, merry voice, beginning to hark his reindeers.

He moved slowly down the hall until a door opened and young Dr. Morton exclaimed: "Well here he is now! Hello, Santa. Have you come to see Anita Jensen?"

"Yes, I've come to see Anita Jensen," Nick boomed; he stepped inside.

The child lay on a bed in the cheap, semi-dark room. Her eyes glowed like two tiny black coals in her small, pale face. "Hello, Santa Claus," she greeted weakly.

Nick went forward past the doctor and the parents, his mittened hand stretched. "Hello, Anita Jensen," he said in his deep, hoarse Kris Kringle tone. "I hear you have been a very good girl. I have left a doll and other presents for you down stairs by Mrs. McCarthy's chimney but you must not open them till tomorrow."

She smiled wanly, happily,

took Nick's big mittened hand in hers, clutched it.

"I heard you come, Santa," she went on softly. "I heard the bells of your sleigh. Is Blitzen with you?"

"You are a smart little girl," Nick rumbled. "Blitzen is my reindeer."

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Who Was Dick Whittington?

The age-old legend of Dick Whittington—the poor boy who hiked to London with his cat and became a rich and popular Lord Mayor of the City—is one of the favourite themes of Christmas pantomime.

Although the story has been stretched and twisted in all ways by amusement enterers, yet much of the basis of the legend is fact. There was in truth, a Dick Whittington who travelled to London as a boy and became thrice Lord Mayor of the capital city.

Original Records Lost

Many of the original records and chronicles concerning the life of Dick Whittington were lost in

the Great Fire, but from various sources many of them only brief references, we can trace more or less the authentic story of one of the most romantic figures in history.

Dick Whittington was not a poor boy; that is certain. He was the third son of Sir William Whittington of Pauncley in Gloucestershire... Sir William was a wealthy man and young Dick might have been very different but for the fact that his father fell on evil days and, according to some reports, was outlawed.

Young Dick was sent to London to serve an apprenticeship with Sir Ivo Fitzwaryn, a wealthy Dorsetshire knight, who ran a very successful iron-machining business in London. Did he walk? Records vary on this point, but it seems more likely that he was forced to walk part of the way, for we do not read of him possessing a horse and that was the only method of travel in the 15th century.

Now what of his famous cat, for Dick Whittington of pan-

tomime fame is never seen without his equally illustrious four-legged friend. There are portraits in existence, painted in the 18th century, which show Dick with a black and white cat, while a statue of the boy who was to become Lord Mayor, with his hand on the head of a cat, was erected over the main gate when Newgate Prison was rebuilt by the execrable bequest of Dick Whittington.

What Kind Of A Cat?

Whether the cat walked to London with its young master cannot be proved, but it is more than probable that Dick was a lover of cats, for he was a genuine devotee of the simple pleasures of life. But there is another, and far more plausible explanation of the popular accepted connection between Dick Whittington and his cat.

The young West Countryman who travelled to London to try to relieve the fortunes of his family, certainly did not lack courage, nor the faculty for hard work. That is obvious from the fact that it was not long before the youthful apprentice had achieved such success that he not only set up as a mercer in his own right, but he wedded and won Sir Ivo Fitzwaryn's beautiful daughter, Alice.

That chapter of the legendary story is definitely true to fact.

Trader in Silks

Richard Whittington traded mostly in silks, which were in great demand in those days. The merchandise was carried from Continental ports to London in small, shallow boats known as "cats", and that, some historians contend, is the reason why Dick's name is always connected with a cat.

Be that as it may, Richard Whittington prospered exceedingly and he was only 35 when he was elected an Alderman and Sheriff of the City of London. Two years later Adam Bammie, the Lord Mayor, died suddenly, and it was the young mercer who was appointed by the king to succeed him.

Whittington had progressed beyond his most ambitious dreams. On two further occasions he was elected to the high office of Lord Mayor. Just as the bells of Bow Church are supposed to have predicted years before, he became also, the confidential friend of King Edward IV.

He is often referred to as Sir Richard Whittington, but no

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By

REX CONWAY

where can I find proof of his knighthood?

Entertained Royalty

This adventuring man never forgot that he had been comparatively poor when he had set out to seek fame and fortune, but as he continued to prosper, he entertained in the most generous fashion at his sumptuous home at Leadenhall Hall, on the site of which now stands Leadenhall Market, in the centre of the City of London. Some of the banquets he gave in honour of Henry the Fifth and his charming French queen were memorable even to his royal guests.

Both Henry IV and Henry V had occasion to be grateful to Whittington for his ready loans to the royal purse, loans to the extent of many thousands of pounds, for which he often received payment.

Helped The Poor

In later life Whittington was left without wife or children and he found his greatest joy in his charitable benevolence. His work in this respect had been handed down through the centuries as a perpetual monument to his memory.

He bore nearly all the cost of building the Greyfriars Library and founded the college of St. Michael's, Paternoster Church and the adjoining hospital. The hospital was destroyed in the Great Fire; it was rebuilt in the shape of almshouses at Highgate near to the now famous milestone which is inscribed with the legend of Bow Bells. The almshouses are now maintained by the Mercers' Company.

Richard Whittington had a deep interest in the poor and the sick, and among many bequests he left money for the restoration of St. Bart's Hospital. He was also appalled in his old age by the squalor of Newgate Prison, and it was this that led him to his charitable interest that the prison was rebuilt. There may have been many other instances of his charity, but they have been lost, as was his tomb in the heart of the London he loved so dearly.

Such is the real story of Dick Whittington. Yet, it is not so very far removed from the legend that has been built up around his romantic character and life.



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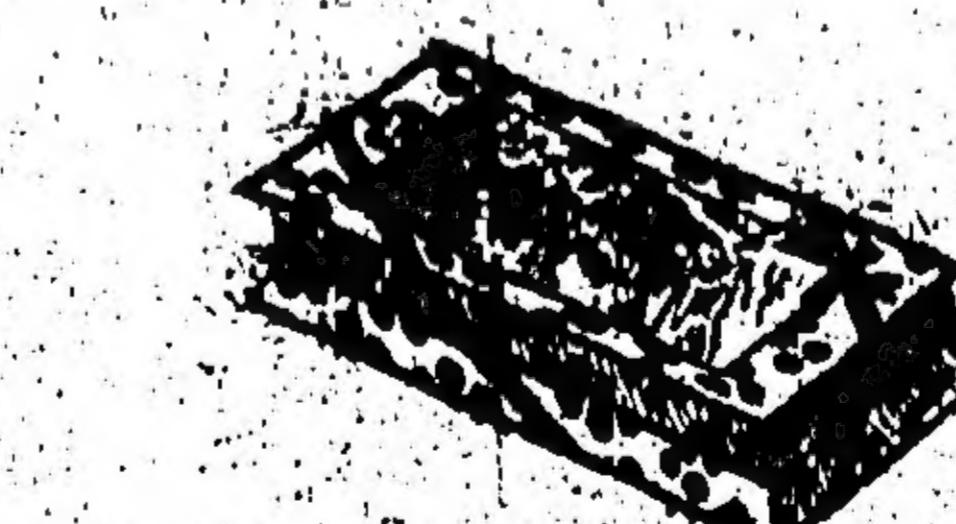
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The Message Of Bow Bells

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Next to the chiming of Big Ben, the sounds of Bow Bells are perhaps best known. They have been recorded, and are often heard throughout the world in the broadcasts of the BBC, although the bells, and the church to which they belong, were shattered by bombing.

St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside London—the Church of Bow Bells—in the most famous Church in the City. Its historic associations are, in general interest, second to none, for three churches already have stood upon the present site.

There was a Norman church of 1089, of which the crypt and three pillars remain. Then, there was a medieval church which was destroyed in the Great Fire of London 1666, and the third was built by Sir Christopher Wren between 1671 and 1682. Jutting out from the tower today, can be seen a small balcony which was constructed by Wren to commemorate a former Royal Stand constructed in 1327 for King Edward III, from which the joustings, pageants and tournaments in Cheapside could be safely witnessed by Royal personage of those days.

In Older Times

In olden times, when the noise of the traffic was not so great as it is today, Bow Bells could be heard at Highgate, four miles away. Any one who lived within reach of the sound of Bow Bells was entitled to be called a "Cockney," and it is probable that Dick Whittington heard the sound of Bow Bells, when he was somewhere near Highgate. The tenor bell was made in 1699. It weighed 53 cwt, and fragments of this great bell, with the date 1699 moulded on one of the pieces when the bell was cast, have survived the bombing. Originally, there were six bells, but the peal was increased to twelve in 1881. The whole peal weighed eleven tons, but when the Church was gutted by bombs in May 1941, the bells fell from the Tower and were smashed. Though considerable damage was done to the church,

the walls and the steeple remain.

Those churches which suffered more severely than St. Mary-le-Bow are generally classified as "destroyed churches" which, as material buildings, they are. But a church is not necessarily destroyed because its fabric is blown to pieces. If its mission as a church continues, that church lives, and St. Mary-le-Bow lives on today as surely as the sound of its bells survive. A chapel was formed on the site of the former vestry and has a seating accommodation for 100 persons. Dedicated by the Bishop of London in 1944, it now serves the religious activities of the parish, till the church is re-built.

Few Residents

There are few residents within the parish, but St. Mary-le-Bow ministers chiefly to those who are earning their daily bread in the City. A sermon is given every Thursday at mid-day to help these City workers to realize there is a meaning to life and to encourage them to live and to see the interpretation of life through Christianity.

Sunday, or week-end worship, can become conventional, as can also the observance of festivals like Christmas, but those who attend the mid-day Services have to forego their mid-day meal. This means that Christianity is a practical matter for them, and that the living church is not the material building, but the living Spirit of Christ in the human heart.

Listen, This Christmas:

It is this spirit, and this alone, that can give to our troubled world peace and good-will. What often passes for Christianity has been ineffective because it is, with many, little more than a label. This "playing at Christianity" must be

Yes, Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus

Dear Editor:
I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.
Papa says "If you see it in The Sun, it's so."
Please tell me the truth—Is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O'HANLON.

in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody has seen Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas, how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be no dreamy as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe

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cast aside if we are to realize that life is worth living, and to achieve happiness. It is the business and work of the Church to teach the principles of Christianity as laid down by Christ Himself, and to help men and women to practise these principles in their daily lives.

By means of recordings, Bow Bells will, no doubt, be heard on air this Christmas, though no bells hang in the tower, though the altar of St. Mary-le-Bow is obliterated and the

site of the damaged church may be puddled with rain or the grimy snow of the City. The real church, also, lives on, because it is the indestructible spirit of good men and women who strive to enhance peace and good-will in daily life, men and women who are the salt of the earth and the hope for a better world.

May this be the message conveyed to the minds of all who hear those ghostly bells of St. Mary-le-Bow this Christmas.

And What Is Christmas? Asks KATHLEEN NORRIS

The one completely inexplicable thing that has happened in all the world's greatest.

And this greatest and most influential event in our human story is also the one we can least understand.

If we could get away from ourselves for awhile, look upon our lives objectively, as if from another planet, how trivial all the other events would seem—the wars, territorial changes, scientific discoveries, the heroes and the geniuses, the criminals and the warriors.

One story would shine out above all the rest. One story greater than human hearts can encompass, and so regarded by millions of human hearts as unbelievable.

Yet it is true. It is true that there was a baby born in a far away land, nearly two thousand years ago, and that his people were simple labourers, carpenters and fishermen, and that He very simply expressed an extraordinary theory of the fatherhood of God and the sonship of man, and laid down certain laws that were entirely opposed to the common sense of the day—as of this day, too—and that He did strange things, cured the lame and the blind, fed the hungry on a mysterious plenty of food, pardoned sinners with royal generosity.

This man never wrote a line, never had an influential friend, was deserted in His hour of need by His frightened companions, and died the death of a common criminal. And yet His name and His story go thundering down through the ages, and stand by itself. Saints have followed him, men, thousands of them, have died defending His law, but no other human ever spoke in a voice like His, and no other man ever could claim one half, or one tenth or one thousandth of the fame that is His. Let those who say they would believe if they could see one of His miracles consider this; that there is no human miracle that compares with the stupendous miracle that is this day this week—just this—just Christmas. Just the whole world rejoicing that He was born, great churches shaken with organ music and glowing with thousands of candles, great hearts revelling in generosity and brotherhood, because of Him. Because of a young carpenter who died nearly two thousand years ago, died under a cloud, died alone, and left only a few frightened friends to remember Him after His death.

What is the answer? Who can laugh off this stupefying fact? The only possible answer is that

what He said was true, and that that truth of His, so difficult, so unacceptable to our human ways of thinking, prevails on and on, and will not die. We cannot live it, it is too hard and high and dazzling for us, but we know that it is true.

We know that love fulfills the law. We know that we should forgive our enemies, do good to them that hate us. We know that we should not have two coats, that our less fortunate neighbour should have one. We know that we should feed the hungry, clothe the naked, comfort the sorrowing. And that we know that if we had done all this there never could have been wars, crime, poverty, ignorance, war. We know it, but we cannot live it, and so the Christmases come and go, and we almost forget to connect His story with them at all.

True Christmas, give Him His share. Have all the trimmings, the presents, the amusements, the feasts, the family gathering. But remember that Christmas is based in this staggering miracle, and give it a little thought.

If you do, many things must follow that finding of the Child who came at Christmas. You and I can do little to help the great troubled world, on this sad and shadowed Christmas. But we can bring the true Christmas into our hearts and into our homes. Forgiveness. Friendliness. Giving. Kindness. We all need these things so pitifully, and the rush and hurry, the fear and crowding, the anxiety and pressure that touch all our lives now, we forget them. Christmas has grown strangely away from Christ. And yet at the very core of Thursday's celebration there lies the force—the never-to-be-fathomed force—of His example.

It seems to me strange that in the knowledge of this mysterious element working among us, this unisoned voice saying "Forgive Love your neighbor. Blessed are the merciful," yet mankind can still regard other things as more clearly proven.

What science says today often contradicts tomorrow; today's great discovery is tomorrow's joke. But nothing makes out-of-date the simple words that were said so long ago, so unimportant a group of bewildered fisherman. And you shall receive. The Kingdom of heaven is within you."

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